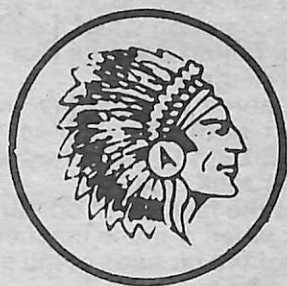


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RETIRED AGAWAM ADVERTISER NEWS staff photographer Jack Devine is surrounded by volunteers and staff members at Heritage Hall Nursing Home last week. At the South Building, they held a surprise party to honor his retirement.

*Jack Devine Retires This Week...*

## A Photo Finish For Our "Divine" Jack Devine!!!

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

As of today, the familiar figure with the cane hooked into his belt and his camera slung around his neck will no longer be seen making the rounds of political fundraisers, church suppers, school field days and assemblies, civic group events, and just about anything that happens in town from Town Hall to the Senior Center to the headquarters of the Fire, Police, and DPW departments.

After 24 years, *Agawam Advertiser News* photographer Jack Devine is hanging up the cameras and shutting down his dark room to join his wife, Margaret, in retirement to have more time to travel and to enjoy spending time with their four children and nine grandchildren.

A frequent target of Jack's lens, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson says he has been in public office long enough to have difficulty singling out one individual for particular praise - but not in Jack's case.

"I've never met a person with a bigger heart than Jack Devine," Johnson said. "No one can ever do as much for the community as Jack has done. It's one thing to have a paragraph written about an event, but it's another thing to have a photo and Jack has been there to snap the pictures so that everyone can know what's going on

in town. His photos say a thousand words."

Crediting Jack's photos as the number one reason for people to buy the paper, Johnson said no one will ever be able to fill Jack's shoes at *The AAN* or in town.

Johnson praised the photographer for taking the time out from his family to chronicle the events of every club and group in town, covering hundreds of events during the day, at night, and on weekdays and holidays.

### Always Had Family's Support

"Margaret and the family always supported me in everything I did; they were always behind me," Jack said. "I'm going to miss the people I've worked with all over town. I've always been active all over town, but I've had some medical problems and it's gotten to the point where it's too many hours, too many nights, and too many weekends. Also, working in the darkroom in the heat of summer has been difficult for me."

A native of Springfield and graduate of Cathedral High School, Jack married the former Margaret Lloyd in 1954 and moved to Agawam the following year. He worked for 19 years as a framer at Buxton's on Main Street until a spinal injury

SEE GOOD-BYE, JACK - Page 2...

## 11 New Teachers Hired At AHS For 1999-2000

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

The academic year runs from September to June, but the job of High School principal doesn't end with the exodus of staff and students heading off to a long summer vacation.

At AHS, Principal Joseph Zabielski has spent a good deal of his summer interviewing and hiring 11 new faculty members and setting up interviews for two more positions yet to be filled; working on addressing the recommendations contained in the school's accreditation report; and checking up on student eligibility under the new policy on student parking permits. And there's still work being done to lay the groundwork for issuing tickets to anyone caught smoking on school property if the policy recommended by the School Committee is approved by the Board of Health when they meet in September.

"We've hired 11 new teachers and we're still setting up interviews for an ESL teacher and a family/health/consumer science teacher to split time between the High School and the Junior High," Zabielski said. "I was pleased with the number and quality of the candidates and the competitive choices we had. The things I'm looking for are people who are willing to take a risk like leaving the area where they were raised. I want people who are determined to self-discovery."

The candidates were interviewed by Zabielski, Dean of Students Bernadette Conte, and the academic coordinators (along with teachers in their subject areas and Junior High Principal Kevin Littlefield for positions split between the Junior and Senior High Schools). Many of the candidates were impressed to see the new entrance, new administrative offices, and the cafeteria and classroom additions. And Zabielski believes the obvious commitment of the community to supporting the High School may have tipped the balance in Agawam's favor in attracting top-notch candidates.

"Our new math teacher interviewed with 10 other school systems and she was impressed with what she saw here, with the way the math

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In Cooperation With Agawam Little League...

## Jimmy Fund Golf Day At The Sand Trap On August 30th

Jimmy Fund Golf Day will be held at The Sand Trap, corner of Route 75 & South Street in Agawam, on Monday, August 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Miniature golf, par 3 golf, snack bar, video games, raffle prizes, and a hole-in-one contest will be offered, with all proceeds being donated to the Jimmy Fund through the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

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**GOOD-BYE, JACK - from Page 1...**

forced his retirement in 1972. Jack retired as the chief of the Agawam Auxiliary Police in 1980 after serving 19 years.

"I joined the auxiliary police through people I knew on the force and I worked traffic at Riverside Park and at the Riverside Skating rink. It was a good part-time job and there were good times doing traffic work and patrolling during the Halloween parties at the schools," Jack said.

Just as he got involved in police work through friends on the force, Jack became interested in what would become his second profession through a friend. Sacred Heart Church Deacon Jim Martone got him started in photography and the rest, as they say, is history.

Since learning the trade from Deacon Martone, Jack has been employed at *The AAN* by a succession of three publishers, having been hired in 1975 by Andy Gallano on an occasional basis. Two-and-a-half years later when Pat and Lou Gavon bought the paper, Jack stayed on as their part-time photographer. In 1980, Ric Sardella purchased the paper and again, Jack stayed on as the first photographer working under the new management.

Over the years, Jack has seen his job expand from a part-time position to taking on as many as 15 appointments in one day and often working 80 hours a week between taking the shots and developing the black and white photos in his darkroom.

"I never said 'no' to anyone unless I just couldn't get there. I rarely had a problem with anyone and the people were always so glad to see me coming to have their pictures taken," Jack said. "I'm going to miss so many people like at Town Hall where Chris Johnson and all the employees were always very nice to me."

Jack will also miss working with the paper's production staff, Ellen Lightcap, Phil Benoit, and Teri Machia, whom he credits with helping him get the right names with the right photos. "They do an excellent job," Jack noted.

One thing he's not going to miss is working on holidays, including Memorial Day covering the parade and often freezing for hours on Thanksgiving Day taking photos of the Agawam/West Side

football game. And then there's all the calls for covering political events. At first, Jack tried to cover the Town Council and School Committee races, but the number of candidates requesting photos finally forced him to limit his coverage to the mayoral races, always making sure that each candidate got the same number of campaign photos bearing the legend "*Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine*."

While he plans to continue taking on the occasional photography job snapping pictures at weddings for friends and family, Jack's photographic skills will be put to use as a hobbyist, enjoying the chance to snap photos on vacation and at family gatherings.

In February, Jack and Margaret plan to set sail on their fourth cruise of the Caribbean with their daughter, Brenda Theriaque, and her husband, Bruce, and their two children, Brad and Brittany.

"It's going to be fantastic," Jack predicts. "This time we're going to have rooms with a balcony overlooking the ocean."

But, before they travel to the islands, Jack and Margaret will spend a week in November at the Emmet Kelley festival in Branson, Missouri at the 75th birthday bash for Emmet Kelley, Jr., the most famous clown in the world.

The Devines have been fans of both Emmet Kelley, Sr. and Jr. since catching the original Emmet Kelley show at the Roxy Theater in New York where they saw Kelley, Sr. perform his famous bit of sweeping his shadow into an ever-decreasing and finally disappearing black circle.

"Margaret has been an Emmet Kelley collector for 10 years and has over 300 statues of Emmet, Sr. and Jr.," Jack said. "We're really looking forward to this trip. We've seen Emmet, Jr. several times and we have a photo of him with Margaret."

Among the highlights of his career covering the news in Agawam, Jack remembers his work taking photos at Camp Rainbow as his most important work and he's enjoyed being active in publicizing the many activities sponsored by civic groups and covering the church suppers.

"I enjoyed seeing the kids at Camp Rainbow enjoying their summer," Jack said.

His biggest thrill on the job came when entertainer Bob Hope posed for a photo with him during a golf tournament at the Oak Ridge Country

Club.

"After I'd been taking photos for some time, Bob Hope called me up and said it's time for someone to take a picture of us together," Jack remembered. "It was such an honor and he was such a gentleman."

**Career High Points**

Other high points in his career included having his photos impounded by the Fire Marshall to use in the investigation of a devastating fire at a Riverside Park maintenance building several years ago. The photos from another devastating fire, this time at the Crowley stables on Suffield Street, gained Jack national recognition when his photo of a horse with one tear falling down its face was published in a national magazine.

"I took a photo of a horse with the fire as the backdrop and it wasn't until Mrs. Thorpe later pointed it out that I realized the horse had a tear running down its face," Jack said.

And he'll never forget the last day of operations at the Agawam airport when a plane crashed on Garden Street and he got the pictures of the plane that crash-landed into a tree.

Among the awards Jack has received in recognition of his years of service to the community are honorary memberships in the Lions Club, the American Legion, and the Mawaga Club. A past recipient of The Big E Man of the Year Award, Jack has been honored with awards from the Agawam Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the Lioness Club, Berkshire Power, and the Springfield Chamber of Commerce.

"It's rare that an Irishman gets to have an honorary membership in the local and national UNICO clubs, where being of Italian heritage is one of the criteria," Jack noted.

A communicant of St. John's Church, Jack was appointed as the only non-veteran to serve on the committee formed by veterans' organizations to plan local events for the 50th anniversary of World War II. He is a 22-year member of the board of directors of Agawam Federal Credit Union and he served on the Space Needs Assessment Committee of the School Department and on the Agawam High School Building Committee, which planned the recently completed addition and renovation project at the school.

For a job done exceptionally well, thanks, Jack, we'll miss you.

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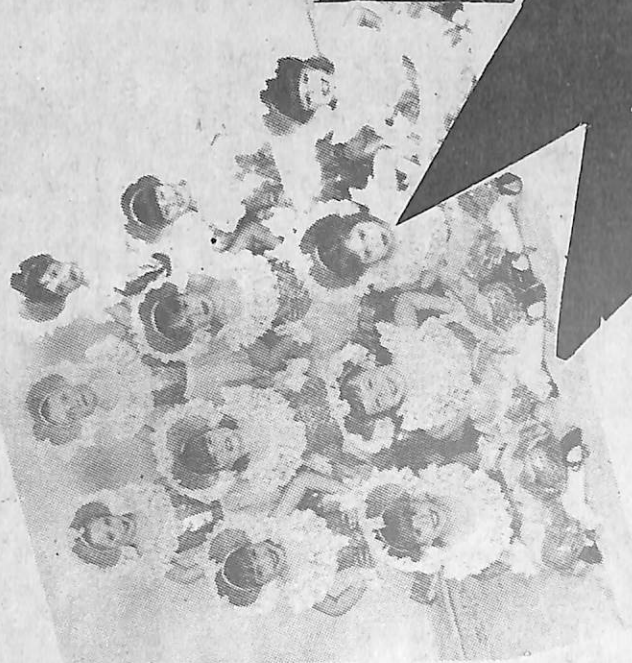
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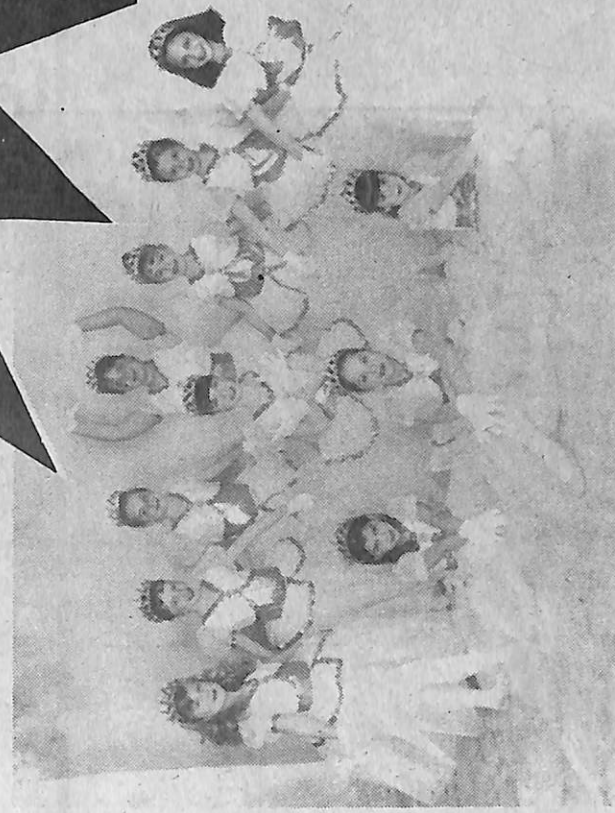
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## Letters To The Editor

### Rheault Shows He Cares About Townspeople

#### To The Editor:

It has been a long time since I have written a letter to *The Agawam Advertiser*. I felt I wanted to share, especially with families who moved to Agawam within the last 15 years, how Don Rheault helped over 300 families. At that time, councilors represented their own precincts; Don represented Precinct 3. It is a story worth telling.

The problem we faced in Precinct 2 would have placed an **unfair financial** burden to those that lived in Feeding Hills and were affected by the Phase 2 Sewer Project. We were not adverse to paying our fair share, but what was put before us would have dramatically affected over 300 families - unfairly. For those of us involved in the three-year battle, it was quite a learning experience.

At the time, with the help of our Precinct 2 councilor, Dan Lacienski, five of us (all neighbors) represented the 300-plus families; we took our issue before the Town Council. That was our group's first experience with the council, and our introduction to then council president, Don Rheault. In order for us to get fair representation, we needed the help of all the councilors - especially those councilors that did not represent our precinct.

We had the opportunity to explain our dilemma to Don. He was one of the few councilors that was willing to listen to our plight. He researched the issue and spent time with families that did not live in his precinct. His fairness, integrity, and pledge to help us during that three-year period never wavered. He stood with us no matter how much political pressure was placed on him, and believe me there was plenty. With the help of Don, Dan, and other caring councilors, we finally won our battle. How special to have a politician give his word - and keep it.

Don was back then and is now a fair, honorable, decent man with character and integrity. As council president, he has brought back decorum and fairness to a divided council. He works well with the council and mayor. He believes in making Agawam a town where we can bring up our children and be proud of our community.

For me, Don is a seasoned candidate who cares for all of the people of Agawam. As a businessman, Don brings a wealth of experience. He will always have my respect and appreciation for what he did for the 300-plus families in the Phase 2 Sewer Project. I respectfully ask for your consideration and vote for Don Rheault for mayor.

Anita McNamee  
Feeding Hills

### Economic Expansion Hurts Our Community

#### To The Editor:

Main Street residents and River Road residents want Riverside Park traffic moved to each other's street. Who wouldn't want to get out from under that heavy traffic?

But why did this problem develop in the first place? You didn't have to be the brightest bulb on the Christmas tree to figure out that an expanded Riverside Park was going to mean more traffic, yet apparently neither the Park nor the town officials took any steps prior to the expansion to come up with traffic-reducing solutions.

I don't even understand why the Park was allowed to expand to the degree that it has. I say this because Mayor Johnson said that noise from the Park was the single most frequent complaint during his 10 years in office.

I remember reading an article in the *Sunday Republican* several years ago about a woman on River Road who used to get depressed every summer because she couldn't have friends over for a backyard barbecue on Saturday nights because of the noise from the raceway. Did town officials forget about her—and people like her—when they authorized the Park's expansion? (The raceway noise problem is being solved later this year, not because of any concern about neighbors, but because the Park wants the raceway real estate to be utilized more often than once or twice a week.)

A few years ago, friends of mine were looking to buy a home in Agawam off of Adams Street and asked me what I thought. I cautioned them not to

buy there because of the noise from Riverside, and this was *before* the Park was sold to the new owners.

I think I understand why the Park was allowed to expand. Mayor Johnson, for one, prides himself on keeping Agawam's tax rate low (he should be commended for this), and letting businesses such as Riverside expand helps in this regard. The unfortunate thing is that no consideration is given to non-economic factors when deciding to allow business expansion. Quality-of-life issues such as noise and traffic are not even considered.

I'm hopeful that among this fall's City Council and mayoral candidates there will be some talented people who will have the willingness to address quality-of-life issues as well as economic issues when considering business expansion in Agawam.

Mike Marieb  
Feeding Hills

### Hometown Newspaper Isn't That At All!

#### To The Editor:

Since *The Agawam Advertiser News* claims to be "Your Hometown Newspaper," why is there virtually no coverage of certain newsworthy issues?

For example, the Riverside Water Park accident never made the paper. The proposed restaurant smoking ban received coverage only once, and even that was played down because it came at the end of an article about smoking at the High School.

A reputable newspaper must cover important issues even though the subject matter may be controversial or may reflect unfavorably upon a business or town official. I challenge *The Agawam Advertiser News* to supply its readers with the information they deserve to receive.

Mike Marieb  
Feeding Hills

### Working Moms Need Help In Our Town

#### To The Editor:

Wake up Agawam! There are working mothers and single parents living in Agawam.

I spent approximately eight months coordinating daycare and bus routes for half-day kindergarten for my two children. (One in kindergarten during the 1998-1999 school year, the other one in kindergarten during the 1999-2000 school year.)

Last year, I paid more than I could afford for daycare because I couldn't move my children due to the kindergarten bus run.

Before the close of school in June 1999, I thought I settled the daycare/kindergarten bus route for my second child.

Now, I find my new daycare is nowhere near any of the bus stops and I'm told, basically, "your problem."

I had a 10 month-old, a two year-old, and no job when my husband and I split up. I could have called welfare, but I took every temporary position I could until I found a permanent job.

I need my job and my children need to go to school.

Hillary Clinton said, "It takes a village to raise a child."

I'm asking my "village" for help!

Sincerely,  
Sandy Coogan  
Feeding Hills

### Softball League Gets Kudos From Ronald

#### To The Editor:

#### To The Agawam Women's Softball League:

Thank you for your donation of \$325 from the raffle of the Agawam Softball League for the families of children here at the Ronald McDonald House. It was most appreciated!

Every bit helps the families of children staying here who need medical attention in this area, as you know.

We are more than grateful for your interest and caring for the House That Love Built.

Sincerely,  
Sidney Weiner  
President

### Fire Dept. & Jr. Women Extend Thanks For Helmets

#### To The Editor:

The Agawam Fire Department and the Junior Women's Club wish to acknowledge the following individuals and organizations for contributing to the Thermal Imaging Helmet Fund.

Their generous donations help us reach our goal. The Fire Department now has a thermal imaging camera in both of the fire stations. This would not have been possible if not for the hard work, kindness, and generosity of all those who contributed.

These additional individuals and organizations contributed and deserve our thanks:

Agawam Congregational Church, Agawam Baptist Church, John Conroy and the seniors at the Agawam Senior Center, Richard H. Barry Chapter of the Agawam National Junior Honor Society, Agawam Junior High School students and teachers (Dress Down Day).

Also, Agawam Middle School sixth-graders, James Clark School Student Council, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Fattini, Ms. Libby Bogen, Agawam Permanent Firefighters Association.

If we left anyone out, please accept our apology.

Agawam Fire Dept.  
Agawam Junior Women's Club

### Tribute For Mayor Johnson Slated For Friday, October 1st

A tribute will be held for Mayor Christopher C. Johnson on Friday, October 1st, starting at 6:00 p.m. at Alexander's Restaurant in Feeding Hills.

The event is to celebrate the 10 years of service that Mayor Johnson has given to the Town of Agawam.

Tickets can be purchased from any member of the committee: Robert Danie, Scott Hibbert, Ronald Lariviere, Rita Moore, and Ray Wyckoff, or by contacting Ray Wyckoff at 64 Rosie Lane, Agawam, MA 01001.

Tickets will be limited, so the committee would advise anyone who plans to attend this event to purchase their tickets early.

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rooms are clustered together, and with the professionalism and commitment to working together in the math department," Zabielski said.

**Elizabeth Placzek**, the long-term substitute hired in January to take over when Lorraine Alves took a position in another school system, has been hired as a full-time math teacher. **Deborah Gingras** will teach math full-time in a position that is split between the Junior and Senior High Schools.

After completing two years teaching in upstate New York, **Leny Jo Captein** was hired before the end of the school year to teach social studies. With her years of experience teaching in the high-stakes testing environment where students must pass a regents' exam as a graduation requirement, Ms. Captein has the skills to help her students get ready for the MCAS testing, Zabielski said.

**Lynda Abel**, a long-term sub in East Longmeadow and a high-ranking member of her Elms College class, will join the English faculty. Ms. Abel, who is undertaking a career change after returning to college to fulfill certification requirements, typifies the kind of risk-taker Zabielski wants on his staff. So does physical education teacher **Tad Desautels**, who was hired as a 5/7 physical education teacher and the varsity football coach.

Originally from South Hadley, Desautels is a graduate of Springfield College who read a book about Texas football and decided to relocate there in order to work in that high-powered world of schoolboy football. After several years' experience, he was ready to return to the area.

"What I liked about Tad is that he was inspired by an idea and he acted on it. That's what you look for: that internal thing, that special quality that separates the best applicants from the others. That and a solid background of academic achievement," Zabielski said.

Physics teacher **Margaret McGinty** comes from the Holyoke School System. She interned in Newton and Malden and taught in Venezuela as part of an international exchange program last year. Besides holding a master's degree from UMass, Ms. McGinty has an extensive background in Spanish.

**Pamela Vallon-Jackson** is returning to AHS 13 years after completing her student teaching under the direction of Albert Baggetta, with 12 years' experience teaching English in the Springfield School System. She is taking on a 4/7 position, working with many of the same faculty members she remembers from her days as a student teacher. "I consider getting Pamela Vallon-Jackson, an experienced teacher with a master's degree, to be a steal for a part-time position," Zabielski said.

**Glenn Olson**, a long-term sub who was hired last year as a full-time permanent sub, is taking on a full-time science position while completing his certification requirements. Olson holds a bachelor of science in physiology and sports science from Springfield College and will have one year to complete his certification. "His strongest point is the work he's already done here," Zabielski said. "He was willing to try new curriculum ideas and did some awesome experiments with the kids. I think he has great teaching potential." Olson was also hired as the new boys' varsity soccer coach.

**Christine Hatzipetro** will take on the 4/7 position in the world languages department after one year of experience at the Junior High. Ms. Hatzipetro holds a psychology degree from Westfield State College with a minor in Spanish. "I think she's proven herself and deserves an opportunity while she's working on her master's program for certification," Zabielski said.

Zabielski said the administration is particularly excited to be welcoming **Jennifer Ellis** as the school's new library/media specialist. "Our librarian's credentials are so good and her answers in the interview were impressive, especially in the area of the available software and library design," Zabielski said. "Ms. Ellis has the diamond of library degrees — a master's in library science from Syracuse University. She's starting out with \$30,000 set aside for the library and she'll begin the week before school opens on planning and organizing how to spend that money."

**An Ongoing Task...**

Addressing the recommendations contained in the High School Accreditation Report is an ongoing task and all of the standards have been getting the administration's attention. Ten standards have been given a status with a plan for completion and two standards have been rejected. The school is not going to remove the barbed wire from the fencing near the athletic field, and there is no plan to give the guidance counselors common planning time (rather than having them fulfill a duty period as the contract states, Zabielski said).

"We're in good shape for the 2000 report to the New England Association of Schools and Colleges," Zabielski said. "When school begins next week, the various committees will be given a list of what needs to be done and I hope to see us 40 to 50 percent complete by the 2000 report. Our report in November 1999 will be a letter telling what we're doing on the 15 areas they asked about. I don't think we should be on probation after that report."

New regulations governing the awarding of parking privileges in the student lot based on academic performance will likely lead to more than five dozen fewer cars. Nearly 70 students will not be academically qualified for parking privileges under the new rules (which mandate a passing grade in all academic courses).

"I want the students to know that parking is a privilege they have to earn and I want kids to graduate — to keep kids on an academic path," Zabielski said. "Let's put academics where it should be and hopefully this idea will grow into covering all extracurricular activities, including athletics, band trips, and clubs."

By tightening up the rules for parking and possibly for extracurricular activities in the future, the administration is hoping to get students focused on their academic work, thereby spurring a reduction in the dropout rate.

Zabielski plans to meet with the new staff members on the first day of school to discuss classroom expectations, prototypes for the kind of teachers they want to become, and share with them the things he's learned at recent conferences on planning teaching strategies and avoiding high failure rates among the students.

"I want the new teachers to know they will have plenty of support," Zabielski said.

## New Bulletin Board At Senior Center

A new Senior Employment Bulletin Board is on display at the Agawam Senior Center.

The Board is in response to the growing number of older citizens who are returning to the workforce and the number of employers who are seeking elders to fill full- and part-time positions.

Employers interested in posting positions should send them to the Agawam Senior Center, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA 01001, or fax them to 789-4092.

For more information, call 786-0400, ext. 242.

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## — Agawam Obituaries —

### Bernard R. Brodeur

Bernard R. Brodeur, 70, of 95 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, a former area night school teacher, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a service manager for Noonan Energy Co. for 20 years and retired in 1994. He was a master plumber and co-owner of L.L. Bousquet Plumbing, Inc. and also worked for B.E. Crowley Co., A.V. Rivest Oil Co., and Brochu Insurance Co. of Chicopee.

He taught evening plumbing classes at Springfield Trade High School (now Putnam Vocational High School).

Born in West Warren, he graduated from Cathedral High School in Springfield. A Navy veteran of the Korean War, he served aboard the fleet carrier USS Midway.

He belonged to the Agawam Knights of Columbus and the Master Plumbers Association.

He leaves two sons, Mark J. of Capistrano, California, and Paul B. of Agawam; two daughters, Jane R. O'Brien of Feeding Hills and Joan T. Pezzimenti of Agawam; two sisters, Terese Kowynia of Wilbraham and Phyllis Bigda of Feeding Hills; and eight grandchildren.

The memorial Mass was held at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, with burial in the Agawam Veterans Cemetery. Agawam Funeral Home was in charge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Plumbers Scholarship Fund, c/o Plumbers & Pipefitters Union Local 104, 168 Chicopee St., Chicopee, MA 01020.

### Margaret Peters

Margaret (Meehan) Peters, 86, of West Springfield, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. She was a supervisor at the Electrolux Co., retiring in 1977.

Born in New York City, New York, she attended school there and moved to West Springfield in 1957. She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam and a member of its Bible study group.

She was a volunteer at Mercy Hospital, Springfield for 15 years. Her husband, Walter Peters, died in 1967. She leaves two sons, Robert J. of Feeding Hills and Joseph F. of Port St. Lucie, Florida; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Raymond's Cemetery in Bronx, New York.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

### Joan C. Woodell

Joan C. (Twine) Woodell, 49, of 1160 Perpignan Court, Kissimmee, Florida, and formerly of Agawam, died recently at Osceola Regional Medical Center.

She was a secretary for the Springfield Police Department and later worked for Choice Vend in Connecticut. Born in Springfield, she graduated from Commerce High School and lived in Agawam and Orlando before moving to Florida two years ago.

She was a communicant of Blessed Sacrament Church in Orlando and a member of the Marian Helpers. She leaves her husband, Amos "Sam" Woodell; two sons, Daniel and Shawn; and a daughter, Kimberly Woodell, all of Kissimmee; three sisters, Patricia Hoague of Agawam, Nancy Silvestri of Longmeadow, and Paula Tredo of Springfield; and six grandchildren.

The funeral was at St. John's Church in Agawam, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Tazzini Funeral Home was in charge.

### Richard M. Farina

Richard M. Farina, 42, of Silver Street, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a self-employed landscaper.

Born in Springfield, he was a lifelong resident.

He served in the National Guard.

He leaves a daughter, Christine Farina of Agawam; his father, George Farina of Agawam; his mother, Alice Singleton of Miami, Florida; his stepmother, Joan Farina of Agawam; his stepfather, Bobby Joe Singleton of Miami; two brothers, George Jr. and Charles, both of Miami; two sisters, Donna Farina and Diane Robertson, both of Easthampton; a stepbrother, Patrick Beshaw of West Springfield; and four stepsisters, Ann Beshaw of Tennessee, Marie Strong of South Carolina, and Sue Lecrenski and LeeAnn Mullen, both of Feeding Hills.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and St. John's Roman Catholic Church, with burial in Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Christine Farina Memorial Fund, in care of Westfield Bank, 655 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

### Daniel M. Fife

Daniel M. Fife, 41, of Agawam, died Monday, August 23rd, at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield after being fatally injured in a car accident.

Police said the accident occurred at the beginning of the North End Bridge rotary exit ramp off Route 5 early that Monday.

He worked at The Springfield Newspapers for 26 years and was a pressman. He had also worked in the circulation department.

Born in Springfield, he was a graduate of Cathedral High School and attended Western New England College.

He lived in Agawam since 1981.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and belonged to the Mawaga Sportsmen's Club and the Elm Belcher Masonic Lodge.

He leaves his wife, the former Julie Adams; two daughters, Danielle M. Fife and Katherine E. Fife, both at home; his mother and stepfather, Shirley Matroni and Carl Hubbard of Springfield; his father, Henry J. Fife of Springfield; his grandfather, John Matroni of Springfield; a stepbrother, Carl J. Hubbard, Jr. of Rockville, Connecticut; and a stepsister, Shirley Dionne of Rockville.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

### Raymond S. Morawski

Raymond S. Morawski, 84, of 20 Doane Avenue, Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

He was a compositor for Walter Whittum Co. for 40 years and retired in 1979. He also was a page at the Springfield City Library.

Born in Springfield, he attended Technical High School and lived in Agawam for 49 years.

He served with the Army Corps of Engineers in Japan during World War II.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and a member of the St. Stanislaus Society and the Springfield Printing House of Craftsmen, both of Springfield.

He leaves his wife of 50 years, the former Evelyn Morpeth; a son, Stephen H. of Russell; a daughter, Joanne C. Thomas of Windsor, Connecticut; and two grandsons.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

### William L. James

On Thursday, August 19th, William L. James of 30 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills, died at Baystate Medical Center.

Born in Rensselaer, New York, he lived in Feeding Hills since 1945. He was a graduate of Canajoharie, New York and Bentley College. An Army veteran of World War II, he served in the European Theater as a member of 261st Infantry Regiment of the 65th Infantry Division.

Following his return from the service, he worked as an accountant in several area businesses. He retired from Moore Drop Forge.

He was a member of the Agawam Baptist Church. He leaves his wife of 60 years, the former Elizabeth Abrams; and a daughter, Julie James of Agawam. His son, William L. James, Jr., predeceased him.

The funeral will be private with burial at the convenience of the family at Springfield St. Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Grey House, 22 Sheldon St., Springfield, MA 01107 or the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 171 Union St., Springfield, MA 01105.

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## Veterans' Corner...

### Vets Cemetery Applications

by Ruth C. Bitzas  
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Construction has finally begun on the State Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. If you drive by Main St. and River Road you'll see the new chain link fence installed just last week.

Today, I heard that the construction company has already leveled the first section and, hopefully, next week I'll get to see their progress. It's two-and-a-half years since Mr. Ed Squazza came into my office and offered his property for a veterans' cemetery and next year we will see it dedicated.

More and more, people are inquiring about burial eligibility and we have several come into the office each day to obtain a pre-registration form to obtain approval for burial.

For information, please contact us at the above telephone number.

#### HONOR ROLL DONATIONS

We were very sorry to hear of the passing of our friend, Rusty Baker. He was so interested in the progress of our Honor Roll Project. Soon after his death, we began receiving donations in his memory for the Honor Roll.

His family requested that in lieu of flowers, friends wanting to do something in his memory could make donations to the Honor Roll Project. Both Rusty and his son are eligible to have their names included on the Honor Roll.

We want to thank the Baker family for their thoughtfulness. We have received a total of \$575 toward the Honor Roll Project in memory of Rusty Baker.

#### HONOR ROLL LIST

Next month, we'll begin publishing our list in this column for the second time. This will give residents one more opportunity to come forward with documentation of their Home of Record as Agawam for their wartime service. If all goes well, the Veterans' Council and Project Committee hope to see the Honor Roll on Veterans' Green sometime next year!!!

check our classified

## FireWise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

### Beware — Your Home May Be In The Line Of Fire!

As more of us choose to live away from urban areas and build homes on forested land, wildfires become an increasing threat each year. The Agawam Fire Department suggests these precautions to protect your home:

- The House
    - Use only fire-resistant materials on the exterior.
    - Screening material should be used in eaves, vents, and beneath porches to protect the interior from sparks.
    - Chimneys should extend above the roof line and topped with a half-inch mesh spark arrester.
  - Home Care
    - If possible, build on a flat area instead of a slope.
    - Keep roof and gutters free of leaves, pine straw, moss, etc.
    - Dispose of ashes from grills, stoves, and fireplaces by placing them in a metal container, soaking with water and burying them.
    - Flammable materials like firewood or lumber should be stored at least 100 feet from the house.
- For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

##### TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1999 at 6:30 P.M., for all parties interested in the appeal of DAVID LEWIN who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-71 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of an addition at the premises identified as: 875 RIVER ROAD.

Ronald A. Hebert  
Chairman

Published: August 26, 1999

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##### AGAWAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Agawam Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from general contractors for the New Parking Areas for the Agawam Housing Authority in Agawam, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Robt. W. Hall Consulting Engineers, Inc.

The Project consists of building new parking areas and handicap ramps at Colonial Haven at 886 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

The work is estimated to cost \$25,000.00.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 Section 44A-J and to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 Sections 26 to 27H inclusive.

General Bids will be received until 11:00 a.m., 9/1/99 and publicly opened, forthwith at Agawam Housing Authority, 66 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA.

Mailed Bids should be sent to Agawam Housing Authority, 66 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA 01001 and received no later than the date and time specified above.

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5 percent) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternatives), and made payable to the Agawam Housing Authority.

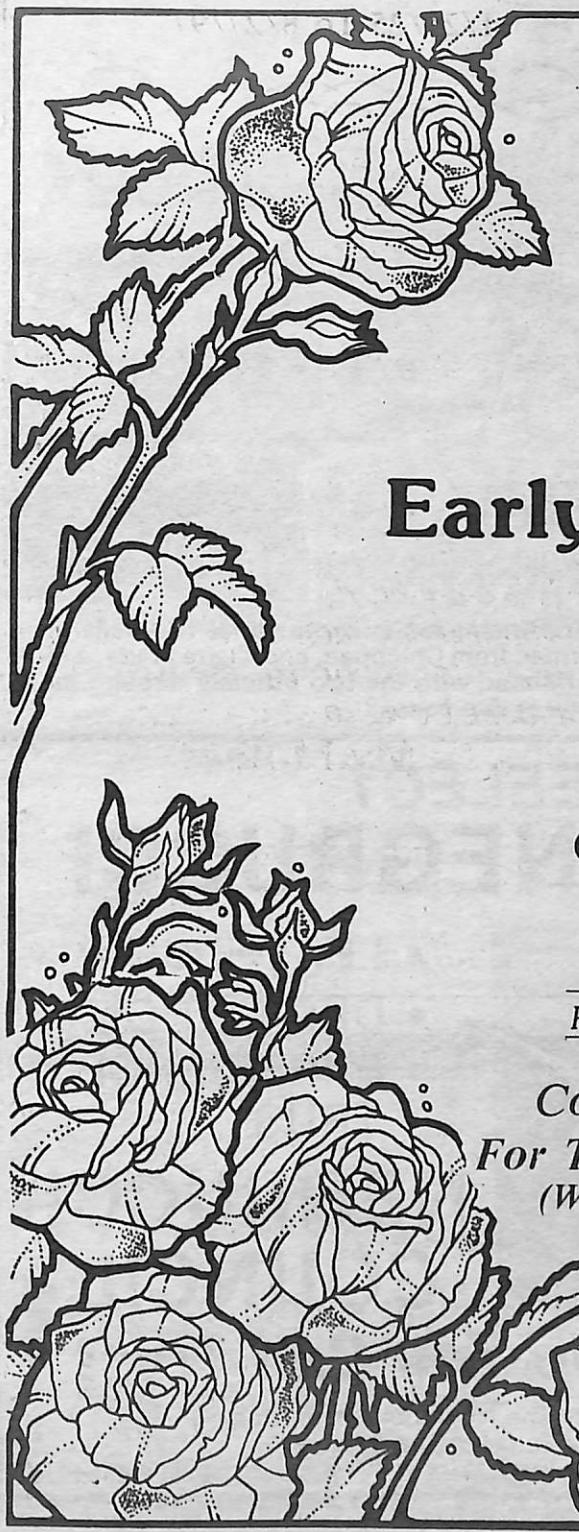
Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at 66 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA after 10:00 a.m., on 8/20/99 upon deposit of a certified or cashier's check in the amount of \$25.00 per set, payable to the Awarding Authority. This deposit will be refunded for up to two sets for general bidders and for one set for sub-bidders upon return of the sets in good condition within thirty days of receipt of general bids. Otherwise the deposit shall be the property of the Awarding Authority. Additional sets may be purchased for \$25.00.

Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$15.00 per set, payable to the Awarding Authority, to cover mail handling costs.

The job site and/or existing building will be available for inspection at 10 a.m. on 9/2/99. For an appointment call Joanne Beltrandi at 413-786-1297.

The Contract Documents may be seen, but not removed at: Construction Market Data, 75 Second Avenue, Suite 32, Needham, MA 02194; F.W. Dodge, 181 Park Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089; Agawam Housing Authority, 66 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA 01001.

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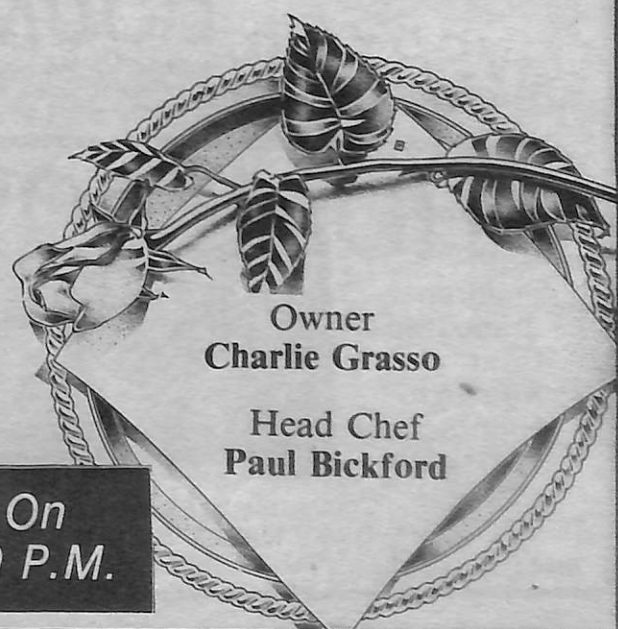
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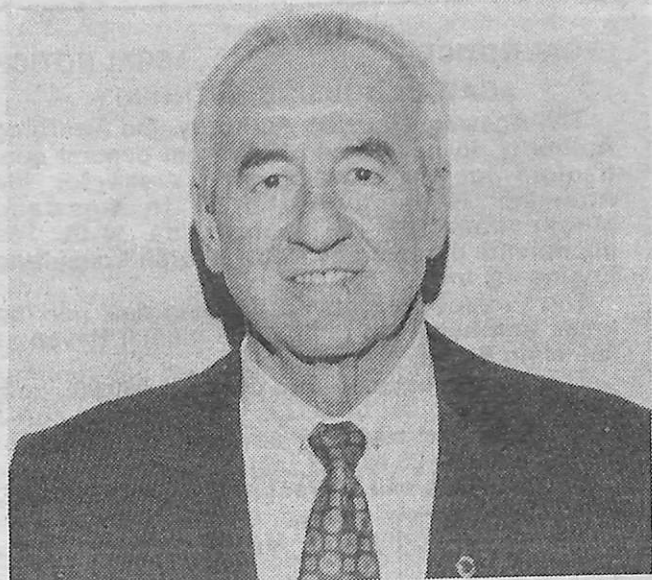
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JOHN NEGRUCCI

## Negrucci Announces Reelection Bid For Ag. Town Council

Agawam Town Councilor John Negrucci has announced his candidacy for reelection. He stated, "I believe I have provided positive leadership and a respectful approach to the business of government as your city councilor."

Negrucci further added, "I feel both my experience and concentration on the issues have helped our community address many of the important challenges facing it as we move forward into the new millennium."

Negrucci cited his background as an asset to his serving another term as your city councilor.

First, he has previously worked for more than 10 years as a fund administrator for the Bricklayers Local No. 1 Health & Welfare & Pension Fund. He was also owner of Western Mass. Lathing & Plastering, Inc.

Second, he has served three terms on the City Council, from 1988-1991, once appointed, once elected, and in 1998-2000, elected. He served as chairman of the Board of Health for eight years. He has served on the Land Needs Committee and presently serves on the Italian Sister City Commission.

Negrucci is a past-president of the Agawam Lions Club and is a past-president of the Western Massachusetts Football Officials Association.

In addition, he served two years on the Mass. Lions Eye Research Committee.

Negrucci lives with his wife, Cyndi, at 35 Hayes Avenue, Agawam. They have three children; Dawn (Negrucci) Uschman, Scott Negrucci, and Leah (Negrucci) Griffin, and six grandchildren.

He concluded, "I'm looking forward to the opportunity of serving the needs of our community and will be making further announcements about my campaign in the future. If anyone wishes to help me during the campaign, please call me at 789-2887 or Billy Euliano at 786-0441."

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*Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ... AAN!!!*

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## Fundraiser Held For Nancy Thompson



MAYORAL CANDIDATE NANCY THOMPSON and members of her family at the August 20th fundraiser her campaign committee held at The Oaks. From left - Andrea Korza, Ed Korza, Janice Thompson, Nancy Thompson, Matt Goldman, and Charlene Korza-Goldman. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



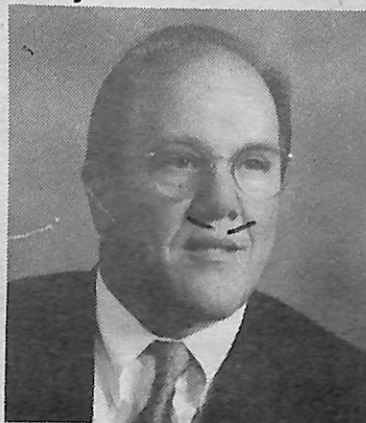
SOME OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS who attended Nancy Thompson's fundraiser at The Oaks on August 20th included (photo left) William Zaskey, an alderman from Chicopee, and Claire Freda, a city councilor from Leominster. Ms. Thompson became affiliated with the two officials through the Massachusetts Municipal Association. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Anthony C.

## BONAVITA For City COUNCIL

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## Rheault Says Town's Recreation Facilities Are "Inadequate"

Mayoral candidate Donald Rheault (pronounced Rowe) called Agawam's sports and recreational facilities "inadequate" for meeting the town's growing needs in a recent press statement.

Rheault said there are a number of reasons which are forcing the need for expanded services and facilities. They include the growing popularity of women's athletics, seniors maintaining a more active lifestyle, the growing needs of our volunteer youth organizations, and our school expansions.

Rheault also said that proper maintenance of existing facilities becomes very difficult because of the near constant use that is now occurring.

"I plan on meeting with Athletic Director Kathy McSweeney and Recreation Director Chris Sparks, along with representatives from within the community to discuss ways we can expand our commitment to the community," Rheault said.

In addition to new athletic fields, Rheault said he believes Agawam is in need of a facility similar to the recreation centers or community buildings of surrounding towns.

"I have fielded many complaints concerning the lack of field space and gym availability from our High School programs down through our youth programs. For Agawam to maintain the rich history of our commitment to our youth, we must address these needs immediately."

Rheault concluded by inviting those who would like to be part of the solution to these or other issues of importance to contact his campaign staff: Pete and Korby Clark (786-2113), Rudy Altobelli (786-1577), or Don Rheault (786-4043).

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**ALMOST THERE** - The campaign headquarters for the Donald M. Rheault for Mayor Committee is nearing completion. The overhead sign at the 833 Springfield Street is now up and the phones are being hooked up at presstime, according to Rheault. Rheault says this will complete the process and an official opening of the headquarters will be held soon. "I want to personally thank all those who have come forward to volunteer to my committee, from youth to the elderly. I never expected this kind of response. It is a humbling experience that makes it all worthwhile," Rheault said.



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## Chmielewski Announces Run For Council

"I am, today, announcing my candidacy for the Agawam City Council," said Stanley J. Chmielewski in a recent press release.

"I believe that my 37 years in the Police Department and my understanding of municipal government bring a unique perspective to the position. This, coupled with my genuine desire to see Agawam continue as one of the finest communities in the state, make me a strong candidate as one of your town councilors.

"I am a native of Agawam and a product of the Agawam School System," Chmielewski said. "While in high school, I developed a passion for sports and was a member of multiple varsity teams. I continue that passion today as the president of the Agawam Youth Football League. This latest position is one in a long line of commitments to the youth of Agawam.

"After high school, I attended Wake Forest University before enlisting in the U.S. Army. I am a Korean War era veteran and was selected as a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. After my return and my appointment to the police force, I successfully pursued my degree at Springfield Technical Community College," said Chmielewski.

"During the years when Halloween presented a danger to our youth, my 'Safe Halloween Program' provided a safe and fun alternative to trick-or-treating for many years. As Safety Officer, I assisted in the formation of the School Bus Safety Program. This program is still in use today.

"As Chief of Police, I was privileged in assisting the formation of one of the first DARE programs in the region. For these and other contributions to the people of Agawam, I was honored by WWLP Channel 22 as Outstanding Community Servant of the Year and the Polish American Club's Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award.

"I have always believed in giving back. During my years in the Police Department, I served on many community projects in my spare time. Some



STANLEY J. CHMIELEWSKI

of the events I have served have been coaching for the Agawam Athletic Association, Chairman of the Bicentennial Celebration Committee.

"My experience as a police officer, sergeant, and chief, gave me a unique perspective in dealing with the public. The very nature of this job can be the best of times and the worst of times. My years as a town department head exposed me to the municipal system and municipal fiscal management. Both of these skills allow me to bring a unique experience level to the council.

"In the following weeks, I will outline my position on various issues facing the town now and in the future. I have witnessed this town change from a rural agricultural community to the diverse and complex community that we have today.

"I am also keenly aware of the changing of the needs of today's families. I believe that we have the capability and the means to provide for these changes without disrupting the quality of life for all the residents of Agawam.

"I invite you to send me your comments and suggestions and ask you that you consider me in your selection of town councilors," concluded Chmielewski.

## Bonavita Discusses Youth Activities

In a statement issued this week, Anthony C. Bonavita, candidate for Agawam City Council, discussed the issue of youth activities, recreation, and athletic fields.

Bonavita stated, "It is no secret that an important issue in society today is the status of our young people. In light of recent events of teen violence across our nation, this subject has reached new heights of discussion. In my campaign, voters have expressed their opinions on how to deal with this issue loud and clear. They do not want it ignored."

Bonavita (who is 46 years-old) and his wife, Adele, are parents of two children, Carlo and Franca, both of whom have graduated from Agawam High School.

Bonavita further stated, "Voters have clearly expressed their opinions on this subject. As a parent and through my experience as an attorney, I share their concerns on this matter. We cannot be complacent and sit by, hoping that this issue goes away. It will not go away.

"Clearly, we need to approach this in more than one way. Therefore, if elected, I pledge to support the following:

"1. Acquisition and or use of more land for recreation areas and athletic fields for soccer, baseball, lacrosse, basketball, etc.

"2. More types of youth activities, learning, and arts and crafts.

"3. An actual center for youth activities to coordinate them, whether it be a teen center, club, or other such organization."

Bonavita, who coached youth basketball and soccer, noted that this undertaking would need the cooperation and support of many people.

He concluded, "It is our duty as parents and public officials to teach children social responsibility. To address this issue, the cooperation and assistance of many boards and commissions, parents, athletic organizations, and civic organizations will be necessary.

"I am confident that the citizens of Agawam have the wherewithal and dedication to achieve this goal. As a councilor, I will do everything within my ability to be of assistance to the children and parents of Agawam."

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## Mayoral Candidate Nancy E. Thompson To Host Forums

Agawam City Councilor Nancy E. Thompson, candidate for Mayor, has announced that she will be hosting several forums throughout the campaign.

Councilor Thompson stated, "I am taking this proactive stance because I want to hear from and to dialogue with the people of Agawam on issues that are important to them. Our first forum will focus on the Agawam Public School System and the education of our children from preschool through high school."

The education of Agawam's children will be a priority of the Thompson administration. "I am a mother whose children were students in our educational system; as an Agawam City Councilor, I am acutely aware of the improvements that need to happen in order to best educate our children and to prepare them to become contributing members of society."

"We have some very pertinent issues to address in our preschool program. I also want to revisit the idea of an all-day kindergarten program here in Agawam. Our High School not only needs to obtain accreditation, but it also needs to retain and sustain this. I hope that students, parents, teachers, and any resident who is interested in the education of Agawam's children will attend."

The September date, time, and place for this first forum will be posted on the website: [www.thompsonformayor.com](http://www.thompsonformayor.com) and announced in the newspapers.

A second forum will be held to discuss issues related to the senior citizens of Agawam. It is hoped that dialogue will occur not only with senior citizens but with their adult children as well. Date, time, and place are forthcoming.

Councilor Thompson would also like to hear from Agawam residents who would like to discuss other issues that they see as important to them. Residents are encouraged to contact Councilor Thompson by phone at 786-0586, by sending an e-mail from the [www.thompsonformayor.com](http://www.thompsonformayor.com) website, or by writing to her at 19A Mansion Woods, Agawam, MA 01001-2364.

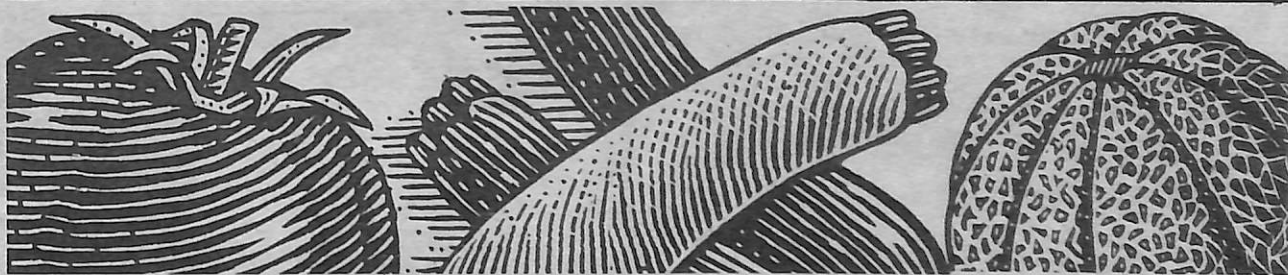
## Fundraiser Held For Kasparian



ABE KASPARIAN (center), candidate for mayor of Agawam, held a fundraiser at Longfellows in Yarmouth, Cape Cod recently. He was joined by supporters and vacationing Agawam residents at the affair.

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# Superintendent Evaluation Takes Downturn From Commendable To Satisfactory

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Just one year after receiving a commendable rating from the School Committee and having his contract renewed for another three years, Superintendent of Schools Frank Ameruso saw his rating slip nearly two points overall on a scale of 1-9 to the satisfactory rating.

Last year, Ameruso received the highest overall rating with committee members finding his performance after two years on the job to be commendable. But, problems in the relationship between the superintendent and the School Committee over the last year resulted in a lowering of his rating to satisfactory at a meeting held last Thursday night, August 19th, according to committee members.

School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson said the satisfactory rating did not reflect a sense of how the schools have been progressing under Ameruso's leadership. Rather, the lower score indicated that Ameruso's performance, especially in regard to relations with the School Committee, had slipped over the last year.

"My evaluation centered on the superintendent/School Committee relationship—a relationship that has been strained over the last year because of problems at the superintendent's end of the relationship," Johnson said. "I don't intend the evaluation to be an indication of how our school system is doing."

Johnson's rating of the superintendent slipped by 1.87 points to fall within the satisfactory level, as compared to a rating in the commendable range last year. Overall, on average, Ameruso's rating fell by 1.57 points from last year's rating of 7.26 (commendable) to this year's rating of 5.69 (just slightly on the high side of the satisfactory scale of 4-6).

Johnson explained, "I didn't want to rubber stamp the superintendent's performance. I felt that some matters were not handled properly at lower levels that eventually rose past the superintendent level to the School Committee level. The superintendent should have put a stop to these matters before they got to the School Committee."

Johnson also cited the superintendent for failing to communicate the positive things that are going on within the schools to the general public.

Rating the superintendent on the lower end of the satisfactory scale with a score of 4.00, committee secretary Teresa Kozloski rated the superintendent's performance in seven of the 15 categories as less than satisfactory, dropping her evaluation from 7.13 last year to 4.00 in the latest evaluation.

"I make no apologies that I gave the lowest scores," Mrs. Kozloski said. "For each section, I put down a reason for my rating."

For instance, Mrs. Kozloski gave a score of 3 on problem-solving because she believed that the superintendent mishandled a situation involving special education students at Clark School and she rated the superintendent's performance in staff scheduling and utilization as 3 due to what she perceives as a failure to show more emphasis in supporting the hiring of more staff in order to reduce class size, especially in the elementary grades.

Mrs. Kozloski explained her scores of 2 in the categories of evaluating program development and evaluation and understanding of instructional program on the grounds that the analysis of grade reports and drop-out rates were poorly handled and the lack of support from the superintendent for adding an honors English class for 10th graders as recommended by the high school principal and the teachers.

"I feel he bent to politics rather than support an educationally sound recommendation and that one example says a lot," Mrs. Kozloski.

Johnson said other committee members' gripes about the lack of communication between the superintendent and the School Committee were summed up by Louis Massoia, Jr.'s notation on his evaluation form, "When talking with the superintendent, he always gives the impression that he can't wait to get rid of you. (He) should not do this!"

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Massoia, whose rating of the superintendent was up 2.15 points last year, took away those gains with a fall of 2.6 points this year. Included as suggestions and comments on Massoia's evaluation: board should be informed (by memo or phone) of problems occurring in the schools and some problems are taking too long to resolve (i.e., smoking cessation in the high school restrooms). Massoia believes "action should be decisive and prompt."

Using a scale of 1-9, committee members rated Ameruso on 15 categories covering general administrative ability, educational leadership, and other characteristics such as professional competence, enthusiasm and initiative, and maintain-

ing satisfactory relationships with students, staff, and the central office.

Johnson compiled the results of the committee's appraisals on a spreadsheet displaying the individual scores of the committee members as well as an average score.

Ameruso's rating fell by .26, .94, and 3.58 points, respectively with committee members Roberta Doering, Linda Galarneau, and Susan Pettazoni. Committee member Rosemary Sandlin awarded Ameruso an increase in 1.38 points over last year's evaluation.

Ameruso declined comment on the School Committee's evaluation of his performance over the last year.



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## Families



IN LEFT PHOTO: David and Bob Cecchi stirring up food for E. Cecchi Farms' sixth Annual Corn Festival IN RIGHT PHOTO: Anna and David Cecchi during the Corn Festival. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

A "Thank-You" To Their Customers...

### E. Cecchi Farms Holds 6th Annual "Corn Festival"

by Kathy Shepard  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

The clouds of the weekend of August 14th and 15th couldn't stop customers of Cecchi's Farms on Springfield Street in Feeding Hills from merry-making at the sixth Annual Corn Festival. "We do it to show our appreciation to our customers. Food is free, but donations are taken for the Open Pantry and whatever the customers give, we match the amount," says Bob Cecchi.

The event started out as part of the Agricultural Department of Massachusetts to promote corn sales, but the Cecchi family found that it was so much fun, they do it more now to show their gratitude to their many loyal customers. "It's a way for everyone to have a good time, too," Michael Cecchi, one of the Cecchi brothers, pointed out.

Bob Cecchi continued, "Samples of everything we grow were served. In spite of gloomy weather, especially on Sunday, we had about 500 people. One of our customers said that it was better than the 'Taste of Springfield.'"

Anna Cecchi was there, surrounded by her family and friends. Various members of the family did all the cooking and Anna "stirred the pot." There were actually four generations represented at this year's Corn Festival.

Father Ron Sadlowski, who took over the ministry at the nearby Sacred Heart Church recently and has had a few weeks to become acclimated, moseyed over to the Corn Festival and was pleased that he did. "They were very friendly people. The fried vegetables were excellent, and the cause to help the Open Pantry is very worthwhile. I especially enjoyed the succotash."



ANNA CECCHI (far left) with friends and family members at E. Cecchi Farms' sixth Annual Corn Festival. Although this event was free, donations were gladly accepted and all proceeds were given to the local Open Pantry. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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## Cindy S. Johnson Becomes Bride Of Joseph P. Curran, II

Kumulani Chapel, Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii was the setting for the recent wedding of Cindy S. Johnson and Joseph P. Curran, II.

Parents of the bride are Bonnie Johnson of Boise, Idaho and Jim Johnson of LaCrescenta, California.

The bridegroom is the son of Joseph E. and Dian Curran of Feeding Hills.

The bride is a marketing specialist at Asymtek, Carlsbad, California. The bridegroom is employed as an applications engineer at Asymtek.

They will reside in Carlsbad, California.

## Annual Picnic Held At VFW By Golden Age Club, Chapter 2

The Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2, held its Annual Picnic at the Agawam VFW Post 1632 Pavilion, South Street, Agawam, on Wednesday, August 18th.

President Perry McCobb welcomed 120 senior members in attendance to enjoy the ideal weather and the tasty food. He complimented the Picnic Committee for the efficient handling of setting up tables, serving food and supplies, and serving all the meals.

Club members Francis Viens and John Hajec were in charge of the charcoal grill, cooking the hamburgers and hot dogs. Ladies from the Hospitality Committee prepared plates of ketchup, mustard, relish, and onions for each table.

Several men served as handsome waiters, delivering meals to members seated at the tables. A public address system was provided by disc jockey William Devino of Feeding Hills.

Committee members in charge of food and supplies were Harry Durant, Virginia Lake, Leanne Dion, Mary Spinelli, James Birchall, and Perry & Rose McCobb.

Arthur & Eileen Collier and Barbara Sherry handled the ticket sales and reservations.

Charles Ryan was in charge of the clean-up detail.

Cash bingo was called by Harry Durant, assisted by Virginia Lake.

The many prizes donated to the club were distributed by Eleanor Geiger and her committee.

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## AHS's Class Of 1980 Announces "Millennium Party"

The Agawam High School Class of 1980 is hosting a Millennium Party, an amazing night of festivities and celebration, as we count down to the Year 2000.

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This reunion Millennium Party will be held in the Carriage House at Storowton Tavern in West Springfield, December 31, 1999.

The 20th Year Reunion for the Class of 1980 will be held next summer. Details to follow after the first of the year.

For further information and to purchase tickets, please contact Maria Sutton (786-2522), Fred Withee (732-4188), or Stephen Grenier (786-3629).

## Al & Elaine Taupier Win 1999 Worthington Cribbage Tournament

Congratulations to Al & Elaine Taupier of 64 Woodside Drive, Agawam, for winning the 1999 Worthington Cribbage Tournament.

After a 15-year hiatus, Al finally "got the cards." Placing a close second were Debbie & Howie Gore of Springfield.

## Steak Roast Slated For September 11th At Spfld. Turnverein

Come join us for a Steak Roast at the Springfield Turnverein of Agawam, 176, Garden St., Feeding Hills on Saturday, September 11th from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

The menu will include char-broiled steak, baked potato, corn on the cob, tossed salad, coffee, and cake.

The cost will be \$13. Reservations may be made by calling Christa Shrehl at 786-0143 or the club at 786-0924. Deadline for reservations will be Wednesday, September 8th.

Please join us for an enjoyable evening.

## Emblem Club To Sponsor Trip To Radio City Show

On Thursday, November 18th, the West Springfield-Agawam Emblem Club No. 526 is sponsoring a bus trip to Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular.

The bus will leave the Elks Lodge, Morgan Road, West Springfield at 8:30 a.m. and will return at approximately 8:30 p.m.

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## The Caramazzas To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

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Later that night, Jimmy Caramazza told his brother, Joe, that he had just met the girl he was going to marry.

Fate had to wait for Bunny, as she was known to her friends, to finish high school and for Jimmy to return from his service in World War II.

True to his word, on August 27, 1949, Jim made Bunny his wife. The ceremony was held at St. John the Evangelist Church and was followed by a brief reception at a local hall. They settled down and built a home on Carr Ave. Not quite two years into their wedded bliss, their first daughter, Barbara, was born, followed shortly by the birth of their second daughter, Lynne.

Jim made his living as a lithographer, working for Rainbows. Bunny was a working mom, first employed by Agawam Lumber, then Braun's Welding. Shortly after the girls graduated from Agawam High School, the Caramazzas relocated to their current residence in West Suffield, Connecticut.

Jim retired from Rainbows, but currently works part-time at J.C. Penney in Enfield. Bunny moved on to work for Aetna Life Insurance and then Duncanson & Holt in Simsbury, Connecticut. Their daughters both reside in Feeding Hills.

On August 29th, they will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows at St. Joseph's Church in West Suffield. It will be followed by an open house at their residence from 1:00-6:00 p.m. to enjoy the company of their many friends and family.

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PAUL AND LUCILLE TATRO

## "Happy 50th" To Paul & Lucille Tatro Of Agawam

Paul and Lucille Tatro of Agawam recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a family dinner at Alexander's Restaurant in Feeding Hills, following a trip to Switzerland and Austria.

The couple were married on June 25, 1949 at St. Theresa's Church in Agawam.

They are the parents of Paula Tancredi of Milford, MA. Glenn Tatro and Thomas Tatro, both of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Cynthia Bovat and Paul Tatro, both of Feeding Hills. They have 10 grandchildren.

Mr. Tatro is a retired assistant superintendent of the Agawam School Department and a retired Lieutenant Commander of the United States Naval Reserve of 28 years.

His wife, the former Lucille Letendre, is a retired secretary at U.S. Envelope Co., Springfield.

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## Dawn Fournier Becomes Bride Of Kenneth Parker

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Fournier of Feeding Hills announce the marriage of their daughter, Dawn, to Kenneth Parker. The groom is the son of Donna Parker of Bennington, Vermont, and Michael Parker of Westfield.

Darci Fournier, sister-in-law of the bride, was the matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Donna Plasse, cousin of the bride, and Linda Rivera, friend of the bride.

Christopher Parker, brother of the groom, was best man. Ushers were Tim Stone and Mike Mayhew, both friends of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School and Holyoke Community College. She is a retail clerk in Agawam.

The groom is a graduate of Westfield High School and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He is employed with Baystate Medical Center as an audiovisual specialist.



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A retirement party for Jack will be held at Chez Josef on Sunday, September 12th, from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 per person and will include four dinner choices, dancing, and more tributes than one man has any right to ... unless that man is Jack Devine!

The social hour begins at 4:00 p.m., and dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m.

Tickets are currently available from *The Agawam Advertiser News* (Mondays And Tuesdays), the Agawam Federal Credit Union (4 Washington Avenue Extension, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday), Brenda Theriaque (789-0721), and the Agawam Senior Center (Edythe Chiba).

DJ Tom Melbourne will provide the entertainment.

(If anyone has any photos of Jack that they'd like to be displayed at the party, please contact Brenda Theriaque at the aforementioned number.)

## Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

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**Tuesday, August 31st:** Tortellini soup, chunky turkey salad on a roll, tossed salad, angel cake.

**Wednesday, September 1st:** Baked chicken leg, sweet potatoes, mixed veggies, oatmeal bread, ice cream.

**Thursday, September 2nd:** Country pie, tossed salad, wheat/Vienna bread, mixed fruit.

**Friday, September 3rd:** Baked fish, harvest veggie and rice, cole slaw, rye bread, pineapple.

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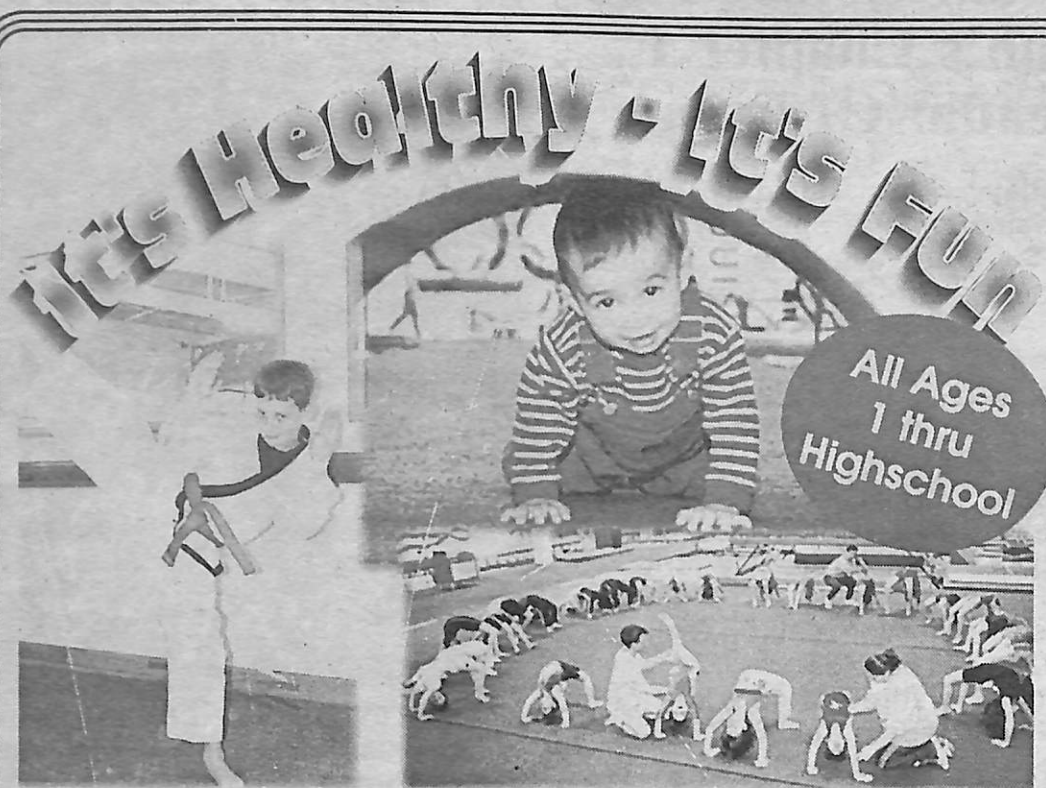
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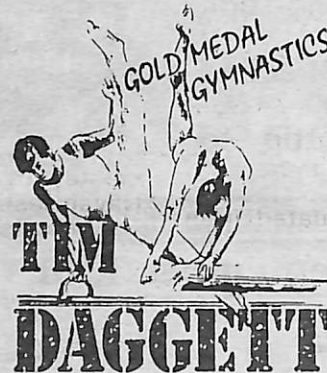


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## Agawam Golden Age Club's Chapter 1 Calendar Of Events

**Wednesday, Sept. 1st:** Day trip to Foster's Maine Lobster Specialty

**Friday, Sept. 3rd:** The Board of Directors will meet at the Senior Center, 1:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 8th:** Regular meeting, 1:30 p.m. Bake Sale; Magician John Rioni performing an afternoon of "Magic Moments."

**Wednesday, Sept. 22nd:** Regular meeting, 1:30 p.m. Gift Bingo

**Thursday, Sept. 23rd:** Day trip to Mohegan Sun Casino.

For more information, call Ed Organek, trip organizer, at 786-2453.

Any seniors wishing to join the club may call Helen Rogers at 786-3756.

## Agawam Golden Age Club's Chapter 2 Calendar Of Events

**Wednesday, Sept. 1st:** Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. at Senior Center; Bingo

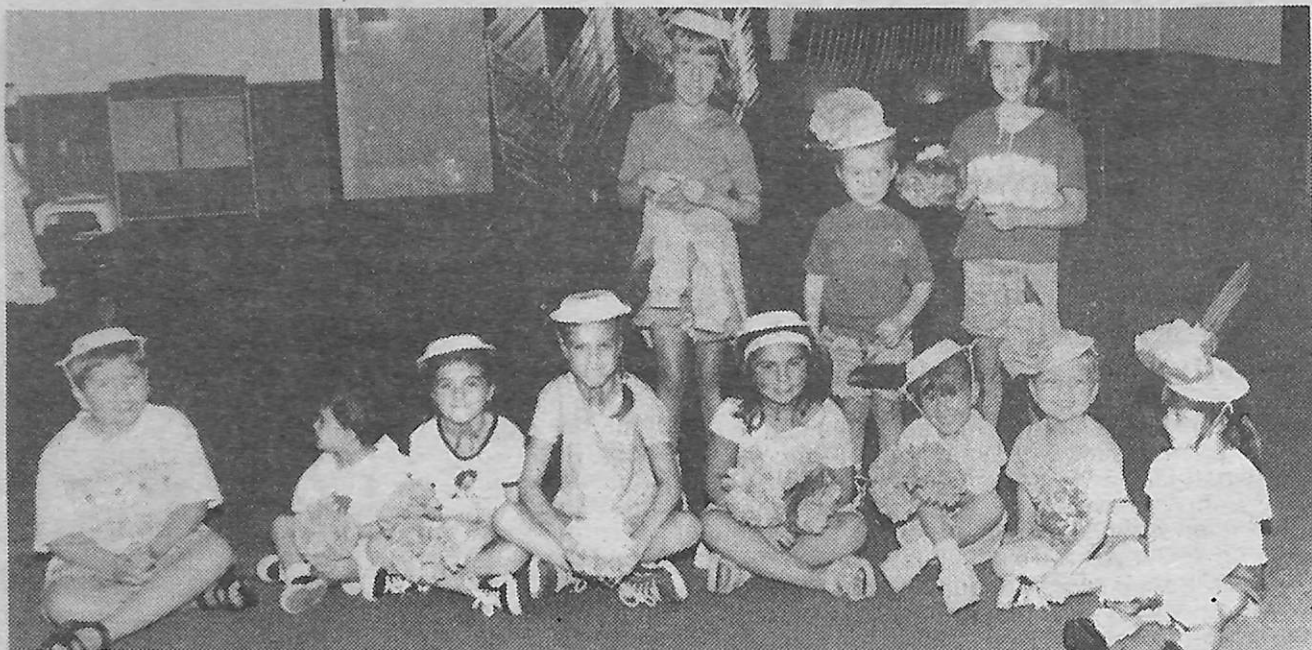
**Monday, Sept. 13th:** Mystery trip and dinner

**Wednesday, Sept. 15th:** Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. at Senior Center. Speaker - Rochelle Nahmias, "Long-Term Care Options."

**Friday, Sept. 24th:** Board of Directors meeting, 1:00 p.m., Senior Center

**Monday, Sept. 27th:** Bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino

## Library Celebrates Summer Of Reading...



AN "ARTY PARTY" RECENTLY wound up the Tuesday morning summer craft series at the Agawam Public Library. Kids and parents decorated placemats, created party hats, and designed tissue paper flowers before enjoying party refreshments supplied by the Agawam Center Library Association. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



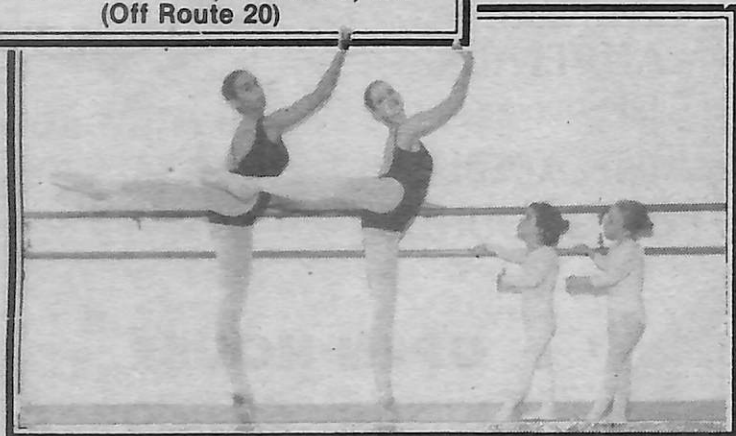
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### Got A Hair, Nail, Or Beauty Problem? Send Us A Note, And We Will Answer It In Our Column

**Question:** OK, I forgot my sunscreen, now I have a painful sunburn. What do you suggest? Also, what does SPF mean anyway?

**Answer:** We have all done that at one time or another! Your fragile skin is bright red and feeling tight and dry? If you have skin blistering or a fever of 102 or more, I recommend that you consult a health care specialist. If not, here are a few remedies:

- \* Cool compresses or bath.
- \* Oatmeal, vinegar and water, yogurt, milk, or cucumbers are soothing.
- \* Aloe Vera gel or cream suited for burns (fresh from a live plant is best).
- \* Aspirin for inflammation.
- \* Drink lots of water to avoid dehydration.
- \* Green tea ... discovered over 5,000 years ago by the Chinese, it has been recently studied for its anti-inflammatory and anti-allergen effects on the skin. It can soothe skin irritation caused by waxing, acne, lasers, alpha-hydroxy acids, sunburn, and insect bites.

Inflammation may be a primary source of skin aging and green tea can be used in your daily skin care routine. Keep it cold in the fridge and use soaked cotton pads on the eyes for puffiness; it can be so soothing.

**Chamomile** is one herb that has many uses. It promotes healing of skin ulcers, burns, wounds, sunburn, and insect bites. Boil a tea bag, let it cool, and place it on fever blisters or mouth sores for relief. For that tight dry feeling, it can be used as a skin toner and beauty aid.

Washing your face weekly with chamomile helps keep skin smooth and enhance skin tone. Using it weekly as a creme rinse can condition and strengthen hair and help with dry scalp. Chamomile baths are rejuvenating and is an excellent foot bath to relieve tired or sore feet.

Sunscreens are rated by an SPF (sun protective factor), which is a multiplier of your skin's exposure time before burning. For example, an SPF of 4 means you can stay in the sun four times longer before burning than if you were wearing no sunscreen.

Keep in mind that you can't add SPF numbers. If an SPF 4 product gives you an hour in the sun, reapplying won't give you another hour. For longer exposure, use a higher SPF before going into the sun. The SPF system is only a guide.

Two types of radiation, UVA and UVB, contribute to skin damage (including skin cancer). The SPF system was devised to protect against sunburn caused mostly by UVB. Read all sunscreen products and invest in one that says it will protect from UVA and UVB rays. Only zinc oxide and titanium dioxide are fully able to shield skin from these rays.

**A thought for a smile:** humming your favorite tune.

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**Mary Ann Zicolella**, owner of Salon Tres Chic, has been a resident of Agawam for 15 years. She has four children and has usually worked two jobs. Hairdressing since 1970, she also could be seen managing the closing shift at the Agawam McDonald's for many years.

Mary Ann was one of the originators and the treasurer of the Agawam High School Cheerleaders Booster Club, coached Little League, helped with the in-town swim team, and

was part of many fundraisers in town.

In 1994, Mary Ann graduated from Springfield Technical Community College, acquiring an Associate's Degree in Medical Assisting and passed the certification exam. She was president of her class, on the Dean's List, a member of Phi Theta Kappa and "Who's Who," and received the U.S. Collegiate Award.

She worked in the medical field for two years before fulfilling her dream of owning a salon with her daughters. She believes that her medical and cosmetic background is a natural combination, and hopes that you can benefit from this knowledge and wants to share with you a wide variety of subjects and to have some fun. Look for "A thought for a smile" at the end of her articles, for she hopes this will help relieve some stress from your day.

Daughter **Jenniver Sparveri** is a graduate of Agawam High School, Kay Harvey Academy, Springfield Technical Community College, and Paul Mitchell In Salon Associate Program. She is a licensed Hairdresser and Nail Tech. Her specialty is formal up-dos and haircutting.

She has been with Salon Tres Chic for over two years creating many styles for Agawam and surrounding town brides, prom goers, and beauty pageant contestants. A former Miss Agawam and Miss Connecticut Valley winner, Jennifer offers runway and beauty tips and does makeup application. She will also be helping her mother with information for their column, "The Beauty Corner."

Daughter **Melissa Sparveri** is a senior at Agawam High School and was the youngest graduate from Kay Harvey Academy, where she graduated and passed a state board exam. She now holds a license as a Nail Tech and has been with her mother and sister at Salon Tres Chic for two years. She has a natural artistic flair creating hundreds of hand-painted nail designs and specializes in creative henna body art.

They will be celebrating three busy years at Salon Tres Chic in the Twin Silos Plaza, and are looking forward to expanding in the future.

**"We don't learn the tricks of the trade, we learn the trade!"**

**YOU HAVE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 3RD to purchase tickets for Jack Devine's retirement party at Chez Josef on Sunday, September 12th. For information, see our full-page ad in this edition...**

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### Memory Lane Chorus Rehearsal On Sept. 7th

The Memory Lane Chorus of the Agawam Senior Center will resume regular rehearsals on September 7th.

The chorus is currently preparing for a concert of World War I songs to be held at the Agawam Middle School on November 10th.

Regular rehearsals are held at the Senior Center on Tuesday afternoons from 2:30-4:00 p.m., and new members are always welcome.

Membership is not limited to seniors and anyone who enjoys informal singing is invited to attend any of the sessions.



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Recognition From Department Of Social Services...

## The Settembros Honored As Exemplary Foster Parents

Phyllis and Albert Settembro of Agawam were honored as exemplary foster parents by the Department of Social Services (DDS) and the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC) at the 14th Annual Foster/Adoptive Parent Recognition Event on May 16th.

Joined by 55 other outstanding foster/adoptive families, the Settembros were applauded for the enormous strides and sacrifices they have made for the Commonwealth's most vulnerable children. Hosted by DSS Interim Commissioner Jeffrey A. Locke, the event was held at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel and was emceed once again by Dave Madsen of WGGB News40, who narrated the heartwarming stories of honorees as they were presented with awards.

The Settembros have been foster parents since 1985 and have assumed guardianship of two children. Phyllis and Al have a great sense of humor and are experts at behavior modification. They have had children who act out behaviorally; they stay committed to the children and the children respond. This family also has provided respite for other foster parents and Phyllis has worked on an area office recruitment team.

"Caring for children who have been abused or neglected by their own parents is an amazing responsibility that requires a very special type of person," said DSS Interim Commissioner Jeffrey A. Locke. "Each of these award-winning families is special, and each deserves our utmost appreciation. This event was our small way of giving great thanks."

At the event, which also honored legislators and others who have impacted the lives of children in DSS care, awards were presented to 50 foster families representing each DSS area office across the state. These families' outstanding performance reflects DSS' and MSPCC's shared commitment to provide the highest level of quality service and care to children in temporary placement. The event also offered the opportunity to give special awards to six adoptive families who responded to the need for permanent, safe, and loving homes for children.

"Once again, MSPCC was proud to sponsor this event," said President and CEO of MSPCC Joyce Strom. "We recognize the essential role families play in caring for our state's foster children, and we praise these parents for their remarkable contribution to their community."

Bill LaPierre, DSS Northeast Regional Family Resource Liaison, co-hosted the event along with Commissioner Locke. "Due to the devastating effects of domestic violence, abuse, and neglect, over 9,000 children live in foster care," said LaPierre.

"Foster families play a crucial role in sharing their skills and understanding with birth families and prospective foster and adoptive families to help them prepare for the important job of parenting. This is the perfect time to thank all foster parents for opening their hearts and homes to the



ALBERT AND PHYLLIS SETTEMBRO

Commonwealth's most vulnerable children."

Governor Paul Cellucci declared the month of May 1999 Foster Parent Recognition Month in Massachusetts, a time to recognize all of our state's foster parents for their tremendous dedication and commitment to children and families. Foster families work in partnership with DSS and other caring professionals. During May and throughout the spring, many DSS area offices conduct local foster family appreciation events to celebrate their foster families and Foster Parent Month.

Foster parents provide children with a temporary, safe, and loving home environment. They share their most valuable assets, their life experiences, and their time with children who have suffered severe abuse and neglect to give them an opportunity at a better future. Sometimes, that opportunity becomes a permanent one, as hundreds of foster families go on to adopt their foster children.

DSS has on ongoing effort to recruit prospective foster and adoptive families, especially those willing to take teenagers, sibling groups, children with special needs, drug-affected babies, and children of color. In every city and town across the Commonwealth, more foster and adoptive families are urgently needed. DSS has about 9,000 children in foster care; 3,500 have the goal of adoption.

Prospective foster and adoptive families complete the DSS training program, "Massachusetts Approach to Partnerships in Parenting" (MAPP), co-led by a social worker and an experienced foster/adoptive parent. The program helps participants understand the complex needs of children in state care.

People interested in learning more about becoming a foster or adoptive parent and joining the Department of Social Services Foster Care and Adoption Programs can call 1-800-KIDS-508.



MR. & MRS. JAMES A. KOVACS

## Debra M. Conklin & James A. Kovacs United In Marriage

Debra M. Conklin and James A. Kovacs were united in marriage in a recent ceremony at St. Catherine of Sienna Church in Springfield. Parents of the bride are Bonnie and Ken Conklin of Agawam. The bridegroom's parents are Sheila and James Kovacs of Tarrytown, New York.

Erin Boylin attended the bride as maid of honor. Jeremy Roy served the bridegroom as best man.

Laura Bielitz, Kim Bryson, Amy Decker, Kelly Forsyth, Shawna Gloss, and Lori Kovacs served as bridesmaids. Kaylee Jones served as flower girl. Scott Altman, Pete Cameron, Tim Conklin, Matthew Flood, Erik Seman, and Jim Waters served as ushers.

A reception was held following the ceremony at Chez Josef in Agawam. The couple honeymooned in Jamaica.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Agawam High School and graduated from Western New England College. She is employed by Modern Media in Westport, Connecticut, as an account coordinator.

The groom graduated from Irvington High School and Western New England College. He is a police officer for the town of Tarrytown, New York. The couple resides in Ossining, New York.

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## Rebecca L. Derderian Becomes Bride Of Jon Charles Daniels

Rebecca Lynn Derderian and Jon Charles Daniels exchanged wedding vows May 1, 1999 in First Church, Congregational in Methuen, MA.

The bride is the daughter of Arthur and Maryalice Derderian of Methuen. She graduated from Phillips Academy, Andover, MA and Boston University, and is employed in sales at Business Objects of San Jose, California.

The groom is the son of Karen Daniels of Agawam and Charles Daniels of Amherst. He graduated from UMass Amherst and recently received his MBA at UMass Lowell. He is employed as a software consultant for DataSense Solutions of Burlington, MA.

Attending the bride were Susan Simonion, Catherine Aziz, and Sarah Merrow, all of Methuen, her sisters, Alexis and Farrah Derderian of Methuen, and the groom's sister, Lani Parnell of Holyoke.

Groom's attendant's included Jay Martineau, formerly of Agawam, John Smidt of Agawam, his brother-in-law, James Parnell of Holyoke, and Hal Gillam of Andover.

Tyler Parnell, nephew of the groom, served as ring bearer. Following a wedding trip to St. John, USVI, they now reside in Salem, New Hampshire.



MR. & MRS. JON CHARLES DANIELS

**LEGAL NOTICE****TOWN OF AGAWAM  
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You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, September 7th, 1999 upon petition of New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. and Western Mass. Electric Company dated July 21, 1999 for permission to: customer at 777 Silver St. is building a new two car garage. 2 joint poles need to be relocated in order to provide service in the ways or parts of

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Dated this 4th day of August, 1999. Information regarding this petition may be obtained from Western Mass. Electric Company in Springfield. Tel. No. 785-5871.

PETITION No. 1361. STREET: Silver St.  
Published: August 26, 1999

Ursula Retzler  
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## Church News



### Reflections...

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### Faith Makes All The Sense In The World

Among the many things which can be said about the Christian faith, perhaps one of the more surprising is that it is rational. Some people might not realize that, because we often confuse faith with hope. We might say, "I have faith that this will all work out for the best," when in actuality, we really mean, "I sure hope that..." Hope is not rational. Hope is wishing for something. In fact, we often hope for things which are not likely to come to pass. If our hope becomes irrational enough, it becomes "blind faith."

The Bible defines faith as **being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see**. While that definition of faith is correct, we must not make the mistake of confusing faith for "blind faith." "Blind faith" is like a blind date; one never knows what they're getting into ... they fear the worst even as they hope for the best. Whatever else can be said about it, "blind faith" is not rational at all, but just the opposite.

The reason we can say that our Christian faith is rational is that Christian faith is not based upon our hopes alone. Our Christian faith is based upon what God is and what God has done for us. Our Christian faith is not a wish list. It is what gives us courage to live, and to act according to God's will for our lives. When everything in us is screaming, "get even!", we **forgive as the Lord forgave us**. When we're tempted to lie or cheat or steal or sin in some other way, because "everybody else does it," we don't.

In fact, once we realize why we're supposed to **walk in the light, as He is in the light**, we understand that to do otherwise is irrational. In the Book of Romans, we learn how people were made gloriously in the image of God, but fell from grace. The epistle goes on to explain that God had given the human race laws so we could know how God wants us to live. God had chosen a special group

of people to represent God and His laws to the world. They were supposed to live by faith, but they weren't terribly successful. The human race was beyond redemption by its own means, but that didn't stop God from expressing His love for us. God refused to accept our failure. God sent His Son into the world to be the Savior, for any and all who would accept his gift of salvation.

After recounting thousands of years of history between humankind and God, the Bible says, **therefore I urge you, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your rational act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - His good, pleasing and perfect will.** Some versions of the Bible translate the word "rational" as "reasonable" or "spiritual," but the best translation is probably "rational." In any case, what the Bible is saying here is, after all that God has done for us, it is only reasonable that we should live in a certain way. To do otherwise is foolishness, or irrational.

Just because our Christian faith is rational, it is not necessarily easy. Faith requires choices constantly, some of which we might not want to make. Like anybody else, we can be intrigued with the world's wares, and the world's ways of doing things. However, we are admonished, **do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world - the cravings of sinful people, the lust of the eyes and the boasting over what one has and does - comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the person who does the will of God lives forever.**

The Christian faith is entirely rational. Some might even suggest it is, in fact, self-serving. The missionary Jim Elliott once said, "He is no fool who gives up everything he cannot keep, to gain everything he cannot lose." Jesus said, **"If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."** It is easy to become a Christian by embracing Jesus as one's Savior, but it is not always easy to be a Christian, recognizing Him as one's Lord.

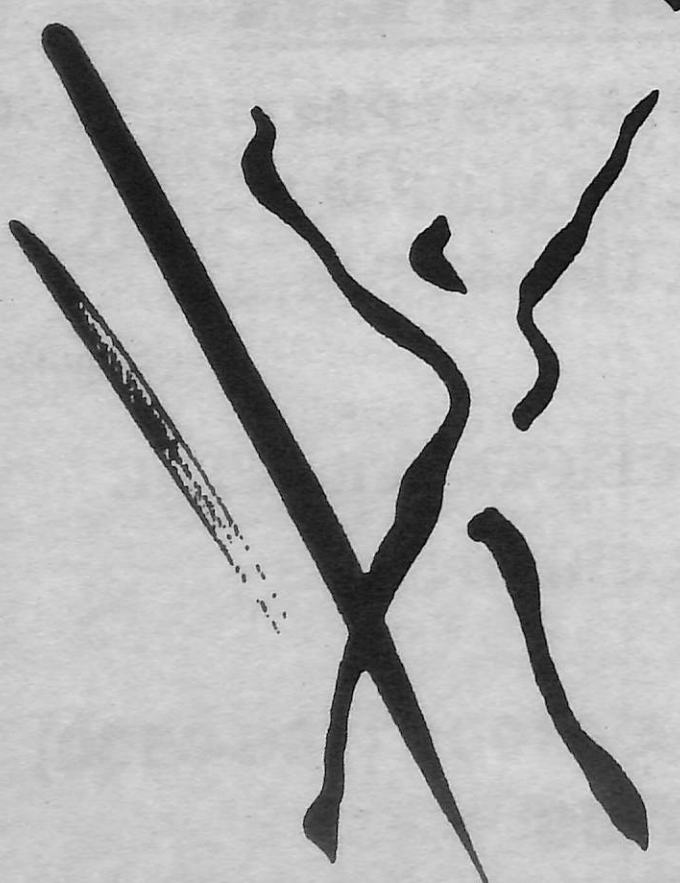
The Christian faith is not always easy, but it is always rational, and always worth it in the end. Jesus went on to say, **"For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses it for me will find it. What good will it be for a person if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?"**

*Rev. Peter Monahan's "Reflections..." is a regular feature of the ADVERTISER NEWS.*

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## Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, August 29th, is the 14th Sunday after Pentecost. Deacon Steve Paul will be our Guest Speaker at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

His devotional will be taken from "The Whole People of God" curriculum. The theme for this week will be "How To Love As A Christian." His Children's Message will be based on the same curriculum and the theme will be "Go To God For Help."

Helen Wyzga will be our Guest Organist. Choir member Lynn Tallman will be our soloist for the service. The Anthems will be "How Real!" and "If With All Your Hearts Ye Truly Seek Me."

Join us for the Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. Summer Church School will immediately follow the Children's Message, and Christian Education/Youth Director Dan Pender will be teaching the class.

This is the final Summer Church School class for the season. Next Sunday, September 5th, there will not be any Church School because of the Labor Day holiday.

Church School begins on Sunday, September 12th, for all ages. The seventh- through 12th-grade will meet at 9:00 a.m., with Crib Room through the sixth grade meeting during the Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

On Sunday, September 5th, the Rev. Eric A. Bascom will begin his interim ministry with the church. Join us at the final 9:30 a.m. summer service to welcome Rev. Bascom and his wife, Beth, to our church.

The fall schedule (10:30 a.m.) will begin on Sunday, September 12th.

There will be a Christian Education and Youth "Kick-Off Dinner/Dance" for the upcoming Church School year. The dinner will be held on Sunday, August 29th, at 5:00 p.m. in Bryan Hall. The dance will be held immediately following the dinner.

This is open to all church members, especially those with children in Church School and Youth Groups.

This is a free pasta dinner with beverages provided. It is also a Pot Luck salad and dessert dinner, with A-L bringing salad and M-Z bringing dessert.

Please sign up at the Coffee Hour following services or call the church office.

For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

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**Church News - continued...***At Agawam Congregational...***Rev. Eric W. Bascom  
To Begin His  
Interim Ministry**

Rev. Eric W. Bascom will begin his interim ministry with the Agawam Congregational Church on Sunday, September 5th. Join us at the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service as we welcome Rev. Bascom and his wife, Beth, to our church family.

The Rev. Bascom was born in Vermont, raised in New Hampshire, and was educated in Maine. The son of United Church of Christ pastors (his mother was the first woman to be ordained in the New Hampshire Congregational Conference), he has degrees from the University of Maine, Bangor Theological Seminary, and a doctorate from Andover Newton Theological School. He was ordained in 1954.

After student pastorates and internships in Eastport, Newport, and Portland, Maine, he became senior minister of Laconia Congregational Church in New Hampshire, and in 1965 took the similar position at Faith United Church in Springfield, Massachusetts, where he remained for 17 years. He then moved to Dalton and finally to the First Congregational Church in West Boylston. He retired in 1993.

In Springfield, he was active in the Council of Churches and helped with the Micah Corporation and Community Housing of Forest Park (organizations that rehabilitated dilapidated, urban homes and returned them to resident ownership). He also assisted with the formation of a ministry by Hospice Volunteers.

In 1977, Bangor Seminary honored him with its "Distinguished Alumnus Award." Rev. Bascom has been moderator of the Mass. Conference of the United Church of Christ, chairman of its worship commission, and a member of its board of directors. He was trustee of Bangor Seminary, president of its alumni association, and was a member of the UCC Board for Homeland

**REVEREND ERIC AND BETH BASCOM**

Ministries. Many of his sermons have been published in clergy magazines.

In retirement, he has kept busy writing, preaching, and telling stories. He is an avid writer of short stories, but in 1994 wrote a history of Faith Church for its centennial, and has since written and published "Up Where the House Burned Down," a family saga based on the diaries of his father and an uncle, and a collection of tales about preparing for the ministry called "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Pulpit."

Eric and his wife, Beth, have a blended family consisting of nine adult children and 18 grandchildren who are distributed from Maine to Florida, and make their own home in east Forest Park, Springfield.

**"Grand Re-Opening"  
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Trading Post Shop**

The Trading Post Consignment Shop at First Baptist Church of Agawam (corner of Main & Elm Sts.) will be holding its "Grand Re-Opening" on Wednesday, September 8th, for take-in only, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Items accepted **must** be clean, pressed, in style, in season, folded, or on hangers (if needed, hangers will be provided).

Other acceptable items include small household items, electric appliances, drapes, curtains, blankets, spreads, jewelry, purses, puzzles, and paperbacks.

Grand Opening for shopping will be on Wednesday, September 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**St. John's Parish  
News And Notes****RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

As we get ready to start a new year of religious education, we once more are looking for help with our teaching program. With over 500 students, we try to break down the class size to 10 to 15 students.

If you have taught in the past, we would hope you would consider coming back to assist. If you cannot do it on a regular basis, maybe on a ready/reserve substitute roster.

Please call Fr. Howard or Fr. Bill at 786-8105.

**NEW CCD COORDINATOR**

We welcome Annette Reynolds as our new CCD Coordinator. She will be assisted by Carol Flood.

The cooperation of all teachers and parents with them in their new role will be truly appreciated.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

One of the many groups who contribute to the smooth running of our parish is the Grounds committee. Kevin Hourihan is chairman of this team, which oversees the ongoing maintenance of the physical plant, and either forms work details or seeks bids from contractors when needed.

If anyone is interested in joining the group, there is always room. Call Kevin or Fr. Howard at 786-8105.

**PARISH PICNIC**

Sunday, August 29th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Remember, we will be using our own St. John's Field for the picnic this year. It is just beyond our back gate on the right, with parking on-site.

**MILLENNIUM QUILT PARTICIPANTS**

Time to sign the quilt squares. Options: 1) at the picnic; 2) after Mass (September 4th/5th and 11th/12th, lower church).

A special piece of cloth will be provided with a special pen.

**"Weigh-Down" Prog.  
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Don't be a slave to food any longer. God does not intend for food to control us, but sometimes we let this happen.

Join us at St. David's Episcopal Church for a free, no-obligation orientation about the "Weigh-Down" Program. Orientation will be held on Tuesday, August 31st at 7:30 p.m. at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

This is a 12-week program for both men and women. For a registration fee, participants receive their own manuals and audiocassettes for home study. Classes will begin September 15th at 9:00 a.m. and September 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Since materials must be ordered before the start of class, individuals must be registered two weeks before the first class.

For more information about this exciting program, please call Sharon at (860) 668-8701 or the church office at (413) 786-6133.

**Vendors Sought  
For Grace Church's  
Tag And Bake Sale**

Vending space is available for the annual tag sale, flea market, and bake sale at Grace Lutheran Church.

The event is scheduled for September 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. outside the church at 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield.

It will feature collectibles, new and used items, clothing and toys, pies, cookies, jams and jellies.

Coffee, donuts, hot dogs, and soft drinks will be available. If it rains, the sale will be moved into the church hall with parking at the rear of the church.

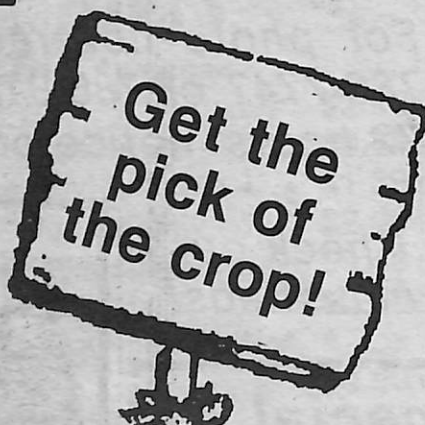
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6:00 P.M. - Evening Services  
Series - "Immortality"

**FRIDAY**

6:30 - 8:30 P.M. - Awana Clubs Youth Program  
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### Timely Tips On How To Manage Your Finances

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### Creating Your Legacy With A Charitable Remainder Trust...

Did you know that the decisions you make about giving to charity could affect your current and future lifestyle, as well as your estate? And, with proper planning, that impact could prove positive for you and others who are important to you.

By establishing a charitable remainder trust (CRT), you can have lifetime income, leave assets to the charitable organization of your choice upon your death, and (at the same time) earn tax breaks. With such diverse benefits, it's no wonder CRTs have gained in popularity as estate planning tools.

**How CRTs work.** When you set up a CRT, assets are transferred to an irrevocable trust. (Irrevocable trusts can't be terminated once they are established.) Because the trust leaves assets to a charity upon your death, you reduce your current income taxes with a charitable income tax deduction. In addition, since this type of trust actually removes assets from your estate, estate taxes may also be reduced when you die.

A CRT works best when you transfer assets that have appreciated greatly in value. If you sell an appreciated asset outside of a CRT, you owe capital gains tax on the difference between the cost of the asset and the value at the time of sale. Whereas the trustee can sell the asset at full market value, paying no capital gains tax, and reinvest the proceeds — usually in income-producing investments. During your lifetime, you receive income generated by the trust assets. Then, at the time of your death, the assets are retained by the charity.

But, you may ask, "What about my family members if my assets go to charity?" Many people who establish CRTs also set up irrevocable life insurance trusts (also known as wealth replacement trusts) to provide for their heirs.

**A CRT case study.** The following fictitious scenario illustrates an example of how a CRT can be used to leave a family legacy:

The Strongs have stock worth \$150,000 that originally cost \$50,000. If they sold the securities, they would owe capital gains tax of 20 percent of the difference between the purchase and sale prices. That means \$20,000 in capital gains tax would be due in the year of the sale.

With \$130,000 left to invest at an assumed eight percent rate of return, their approximate income for the year would be \$10,400.

By setting up a CRT, the Strongs put the \$150,000 stock into the trust. They select their college alma mater as the beneficiary upon their death. But while they are alive, the trust pays the Strongs a guaranteed income each year. And, by transferring their appreciated stock into the trust, the Strongs also avoid the hefty capital gains tax due when the stock is sold. What's more, by making a gift to charity the Strongs also receive a current-year income tax deduction for the appreciated amount.

To generate the income needed by the Strongs, the trust sells the stock without paying any

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### COMMON SENSE with Raymond Rose THE PIONEER GROUP

### Making Use Of Extra Space...

As the number of members in the average American family has grown over the years, so has the square footage of their homes. In the last 15 years, the average size of homes in the U.S. has increased by almost 20 percent.

What are Americans doing with the extra space? Listed below are some of the most popular uses of extra space that will make your home more family friendly and attractive to buyers.

**Family Rooms...**Family rooms are very popular with homeowners. They are functional for families with small children and are a good investment. While other trendy specialty rooms such as media rooms or cigar rooms may seem popular, they probably won't add to the marketability of a home. The family room should be the fun-oriented room of the house. If fun to your family means pinball machines, home theaters, or jukeboxes, the family room is the perfect place.

**Larger Kitchens...**A large kitchen is a luxury to many families. Have a spare room next to the kitchen? I suggest you turn the room into a sit-down eating area. The condition of the kitchen can make or break a deal...it has become the center of many American homes and an eat-in kitchen allows the family to spend time together for less formal meals.

**Computer Rooms...**Ask any realtor what the most popular feature in new homes is today and they will probably tell you a computer room. These days the computer is a tool for the whole family. Parents bring extra work home and children use it for schoolwork. Many homeowners have recognized the need for a room specifically for the computer, complete with extra phone lines. A computer room is an attractive extra for buyers.

**Extra Bathroom...**An extra bathroom can ease tension between family members as well as add value to a home. Additional bathrooms definitely add to the sale price...as most parents know, children grow older and their time in the bathroom increases. An extra bathroom can be a lifesaver for larger families.

Whatever you choose to do with extra space, utilizing it for family-oriented activity is an investment that will pay off come sale time!

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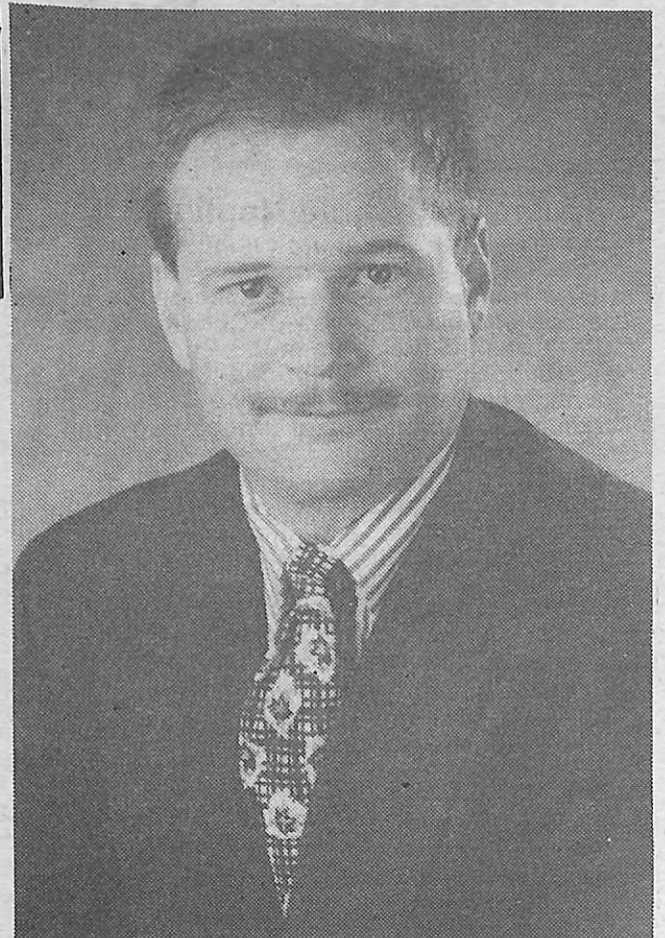
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Calabrese will also have extensive contact with customers and suppliers. MEI's President, Jim McCarty, explains that, "Besides being a degreed engineer, John has an intimate knowledge of our processes for metallizing, coating, laminating, and slitting. He can visit a customer, listen to their problem, recommend a solution, then supervise the process development using our pilot coater and laboratory metallizers for trial runs."

A 10-year veteran with MEI, Calabrese began as Plant Manager and later became Vice President of Manufacturing before advancing to his current position. He received a BS in Engineering from Western New England College. His previous employers in the coating industry include Scharr Industries and Anacoll.



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## Motor Vehicle Negligence

## Collision With Commercial Truck - "Divider Line"

This was a wrongful death case arising out of a fatal motor vehicle accident which took place in the morning.

The 32 year-old decedent was operating her vehicle when her vehicle collided with a commercial tractor-trailer operated by the defendant within the course of his employment.

The vehicles were proceeding in opposite directions at the time of the impact. The decedent, who was driving a small car, died instantaneously as a result of the accident. The commercial driver did not suffer any injuries. The decedent was survived by four minor children.

This was a "divider line" case in which the central issue in dispute was which party crossed the center line and caused the accident. Other than the defendant driver, there were no eyewitnesses to the accident.

After the accident, the police chief conducted an investigation and determined that the decedent had crossed the center line. The police chief based this determination primarily on his observation of a divot in the road in the tractor-trailer's lane of travel, which he concluded was caused by the decedent's car.

Each party retained an expert in the field of ac-

cident reconstruction. The defendant's expert was prepared to testify that the markings in the road and the debris left by the vehicles led him to the conclusion that the decedent had crossed into the tractor-trailer's lane of travel.

The plaintiff's expert concluded after his investigation that the tractor-trailer crossed into the decedent's lane of travel, which caused the accident to occur.

Prior to trial, the presiding judge granted the plaintiff's Motion for a View over the defendant's opposition. This enabled the jury to see the tightness of the curve that the defendant operator drove through prior to the accident.

The parties settled the case for the sum of Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000.00).

**Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.**

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capital gains and reinvests in assets that yield income. As an added benefit, the trust also pays no income tax on the dividends or interest generated by the assets, as long as they remain in the trust.

The end result is that the entire \$150,000 is still working for the Strongs to produce income. Again, assuming an eight percent rate of return, they generate \$12,000 in income that year — rather than \$10,400 if they sold the stock outside a CRT.

To provide for their children, the Strongs take the \$1,600 difference along with their income tax savings and fund an irrevocable life insurance trust to replace the value of the stock in their estate.

**Leaving your own legacy.** While each family's situation is unique, CRTs offer advantages that may also benefit you. If you want control over your own legacy, an attorney and a knowledgeable financial advisor can provide more information about using CRTs to reach your goals.

## Pam Savioli

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## What Is Title Insurance???

Title insurance protects the mortgage lender and homeowner against a loss of property due to defective titles, liens, or encumbrances. There are two types of title insurance a potential homebuyer should be familiar with.

The first is lender's title insurance, which is usually required by the company that will be holding the mortgage on the home. If the down payment on the home is less than 10 percent, title insurance may be mandatory. Only the mortgage lender is protected from loss by lender's title insurance. Policies are usually issued in the amount of the mortgage and decrease as the loan is paid off.

Owner's title insurance is the other type; it protects the homeowner and is generally issued in the amount of the real estate purchase. Coverage will remain in effect as long as the insured party or his heirs retain an interest in the property.

The process of obtaining title insurance begins with a title search. The search will go back at least 60 years to determine the chain of title on the property. Public records will be examined, and the results will appear in an abstract of title, which is a complete historical summary of all recorded documents affecting the title of a property. A statement regarding the status of the property's title will then be issued.

Title insurance covers all the damages and legal fees involved in defending a claim against your title. Claims may be made as a result of defects in public records, such as forged documents, incorrect marital statements, etc. Should you lose the right to your title, your insurance company will reimburse you for the purchase price of your home.

The premium for the title insurance policy is a one-time payment, most of which goes toward the cost of the title search, and is paid at closing.

For most homeowners, the cost of title insurance is small in comparison to the security of ownership it provides.

**If you have questions regarding any real estate matter, please call Pam Savioli at (413) 748-7565.**

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### Travel Talk...

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#### Tips For Visiting National Parks

Distance is deceiving. If a map identifies a destination as being 60 miles away, that doesn't mean it is an hour's drive.

Be alert while traveling to and through the park. Watch out for other drivers who are paying more attention to the scenery than the road.

Call ahead for a bed. Campgrounds and other lodgings fill quickly during the summer months.

Plan for the weather. Snow may be falling at the

mountain parks at the same time the temperature is climbing above 100 degrees in the southern and southwestern parks. Bags should be packed accordingly.

Follow the park rules. Stay on marked trails and observe traffic signs.

Respect, and don't feed, the animals.

Visit the visitor center first for information on the weather, road, and trails.

Call, write, or check out the Web before the trip. Go to [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov) to find information on the National Park Service Site.

The above information was obtained from the National Park Service.

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We are already accepting reservations for our fifth annual RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR in New York City. Departure is on Sunday, November 28, 1999. Call for details. Space is limited and seats are booking fast.

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READ: 2 Corinthians 5:1-11

We walk by faith, not by sight. —2 Corinthians 5:7

Constructed to give people the illusion of walking on air, “The Walk of Faith” is a platform of laminated glass at the top of a 385-foot tower in Blackpool, England. An Associated Press photo showed a woman at the edge of the invisible walkway, fists clenched against her face, trying to summon the courage to take a step. She had been told the platform was safe, but she was still afraid.

Sometimes we feel that way about our circumstances. Perhaps a serious health problem has caused us to question the power and the presence of God.

It's encouraging to note that Paul's familiar words “We walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Cor. 5:7) occur in his discussion about being “absent from the body and . . . present with the Lord” (v.8). He used a powerful metaphor, calling our body an earthly house that's being destroyed, yet he said we have a heavenly building made by God. He spoke of groaning in our earthly frailty and longing for our heavenly home. He concluded that no matter what circumstances we face, we should make it our goal to please the Lord (v.9).

Our walk of faith can be challenging and sometimes scary. But because God is powerful and present, we can step out in confidence today. —DCM

The Lord wants us to walk by faith, Because our eyes can be deceived; And even though our path may fade, God's Word can always be believed. —Sper

IT IS BETTER TO WALK WITH GOD BY FAITH THAN TO GO ALONE BY SIGHT.

# For Your Health



## Your Back And Your Health

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## Fitness Tips...

by  
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### Blood Pressure Problem

**Question:** I was told by someone that chiropractic adjustments helped lower their high blood pressure. How is this possible?

**Answer:** Since the effect of chiropractic adjustments on blood pressure has not been widely researched, my explanation will be theoretical. I have seen patients whose blood pressure normalized after beginning chiropractic care, and I have seen patients whose blood pressure showed no significant change, so all I can say is that chiropractic seems to be helpful for blood pressure regulation in some cases.

Basically, blood pressure is controlled by several factors, among which are hormonal controls and autonomic nervous system responses. Chiropractic adjustments alter neural impulses arising in the spine, which in turn may alter autonomic nervous system functions and the functioning of various hormone-producing glands.

In this way, chiropractic adjustments have the potential to affect numerous body functions, including blood pressure regulation. As I said earlier, numerous factors control blood pressure. Some of these factors, such as diet, smoking, fluid intake, stress, etc., complicate the issue of blood pressure control, so the effects of chiropractic on blood pressure will vary considerably from one person to the next.

Thanks for your question!

Feel free to call our office for an appointment. We are located at 192 Shoemaker Lane in Agawam, 789-1369 or 789-1073.

### The Dangers Of A Sedentary Lifestyle

Some interesting studies have recently been published in the Chiropractic Research Review. Physical inactivity has been shown to contribute to coronary heart disease, osteoporosis, adult onset diabetes, and cancer.

A sedentary or inactive lifestyle was defined as expending less than 10 percent of one's daily energy in performing moderate or high-intensity exercises. Moderate exercise includes bicycling, walking, swimming, and even gardening, which can be integrated into a regular routine.

Along with this study from the *American Journal of Public Health* is another from the *British Journal of Sports Medicine*.

Twenty-four healthy, sedentary, premenopausal women were evaluated for the effects of a 14-week resistance training program on cholesterol levels and body composition. Subjects were assigned to a resistance exercise training group or non-exercising control group.

The exercise group took part in 45-50 minute weight training sessions three days a week for 14 weeks. At the end of training, total cholesterol and low-density lipoproteins (bad cholesterol) were significantly lower in the resistance training group. Also, the women in the exercise group benefitted from higher strength and lower body fat composition.

Bottom line - a sedentary lifestyle can be dangerous to your health! Moderate exercise and strength training can significantly increase the quality of life. It's never too late to partake in physical activity.

### Shin Splints — Ouch!!!

If you've ever had shin splints, you'd know it! They are a common overuse injury of the lower leg. Their real name is medial tibial stress syndrome, but who cares?

They are bothersome and can be pretty painful. I first met this injury when I was training on the gymnastics team. They are caused by running on hard surfaces or repetitive use of the foot flexors. Vaulting was my second favorite activity.

Running on those hard floors over and over did the trick. The long muscles down the middle of the lower leg help support the arch. These muscles become tired and stressed with repetitive running or jumping. The inflammation then causes pain.

You can also suffer from this if you just start an exercise program, suddenly increase your intensity, or run on harder terrains. Having flat feet will not help, or poor shoes without good support.

Pain can occur after exercise, or be so severe that performance is not possible. Looking back — beginning the team year with a five-day workout (2½ hours each), running hard, and in bare feet — gymnasts are a prime target.

If you think this may be a problem for you, rest immediately! The swelling will go away and they can get better. If you continue and try to work through the pain, they will only get worse. I promise!

Decrease your intensity when you start back. Run on a softer surface if you can. You can use ice for the pain and swelling. A mild anti-inflammatory can be taken only if needed.

Light massage works wonders for encouraging blood supply and to decrease swelling. Don't forget to stretch. Lower leg stretches specifically targeting that area are very important.

Like most overuse injuries, shin splints can be prevented. Work out smart. For you gymnasts out there, be aware. If you've already gotten symptoms (lower leg tenderness), recover.

I was stubborn and showing off for the wrestlers too much! Mine got pretty severe one season, so when I hear shin splints ... OUCH!!!

## Support Groups, Courses, And Programs At Noble Hospital

### SUPPORT GROUPS

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

**Stroke Support Group:** Wednesdays, September 8th and 22nd, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their spouses, caregivers, and other interested persons.

Participants are encouraged to suggest topics for future meetings. Call Barbara Boulanger, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W., 568-2811, ext. 5809.

**Diabetes:** Tuesday, September 28th, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals who have diabetes and their support persons.

At this meeting, Jane Martone, D.D.S., M.D., will speak about "Dental Care and Diabetes."

**Better Breathers:** Wednesday, September 8th, 2:00 p.m. In the Third Floor Cardiopulmonary Classroom at Noble Hospital.

"Benefits of Pulmonary Rehabilitation" will be discussed at this meeting.

Free of charge and open to individuals with respiratory or pulmonary difficulties and their support persons. Please call 572-5081 with any questions.

### COURSES/PROGRAMS/CLINICS

**Free Athletic Injury Clinic:** Thursdays, September 2nd, 16th, and 30th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. At Noble Hospital's Sports and Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

On the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of every month, a certified athletic trainer will evaluate athletic injuries. Then, based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physician referral may be recommended.

For an appointment, call 562-3522.

**2nd Annual Hearts and Flowers - "A Heart Healthy Barbecue and Informational Retreat."** Wednesday, September 8th, 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Presented by Noble Hospital and Stanley Park.

Registration fee is \$8 per person (for dinner and informational presentations). Seating is limited and advance registration is required.

For more information, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

**Reunion Picnic:** In honor of the Bronson Rehabilitation Unit's 10th Anniversary and Na-

tional Rehabilitation Week (September 12th-18th), the Bronson Rehab Unit at Noble Hospital invites former and current Bronson patients and their families to a "Reunion Picnic" on Monday, September 13th, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Picnic to be held on the Mill Street lawn at Noble Hospital. Please contact the Bronson Rehabilitation Center at (413) 572-5151 if you plan to attend.

**Smoking Cessation - "Forgetting Cigarettes"** with Joseph Barako, R.N., Certified Hypnotherapist. Sundays, September 12th and 19th, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

This two-part program uses hypnosis to eliminate your desire for smoking and allows you to forget cigarettes forever. The registration fee for this program is \$40 and is paid the evening of the first session.

Seating is limited, and pre-registration is necessary. To pre-register or for more information, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

**CPR Course:** Wednesdays, September 15th and 22nd, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In the Education Department/Ground Floor at Noble Hospital.

This two-part course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant Certification. The cost of the course is \$45.

To register or obtain more information, call Noble Hospital's Education Department at (413) 572-5172.

**"Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Sciatica..."** (lecture by Scott Cooper, M.D.): Wednesday, September 15th, 6:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

The lecture is free of charge. Seating is limited and advance registration is required.

To register, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

**Cosmetic/Plastic Surgery with Dr. Gary Russolillo:** Tuesday, September 21st, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. In Conference Room B at Noble Hospital.

Gary Russolillo, M.D., will present a lecture about Body Contouring Surgeries, Lip Enhancements, Facial Surgeries, and Skin Care Procedures. Also included will be a live chemical peel demonstration.

The presentation will be followed by a complimentary personal consultation. Registration is free, and seating is limited.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

## Support Group For Parents Of Hearing-Impaired Children

The Weldon Center for Rehabilitation's support group for parents of hearing-impaired children will meet Thursday, Sept. 2nd, 6:30 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center at Mercy Hospital, 299 Carew St.

Group-directed discussions offer parents the opportunity to share information and experiences in an understanding, supportive atmosphere.

For more information, call Kathleen Dow-Webster, M.A., CCCA/SLP or Lois Osetek, M.S., CCCA, (413) 748-6840.

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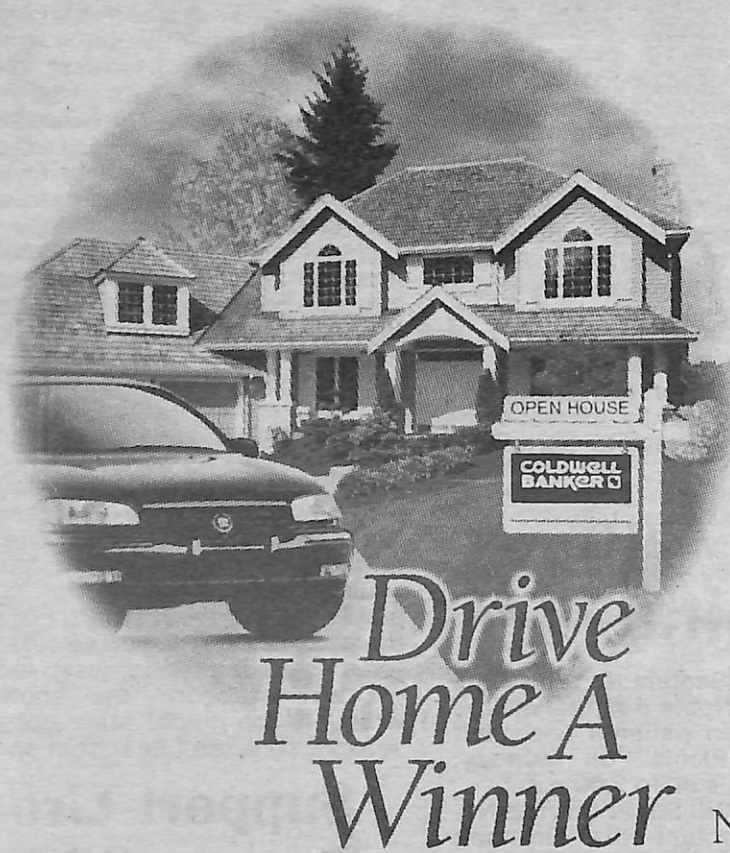
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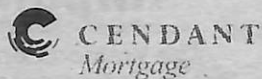
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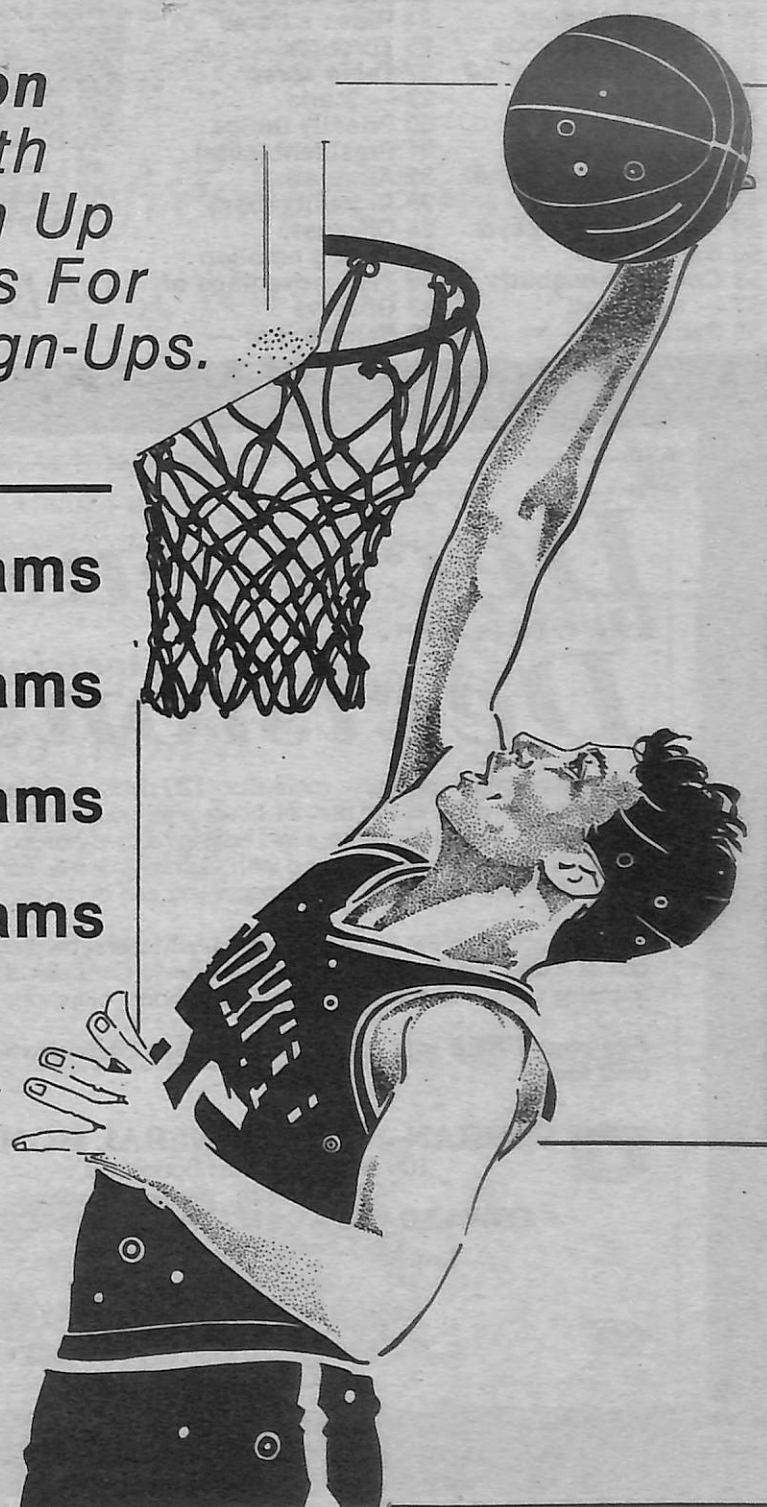
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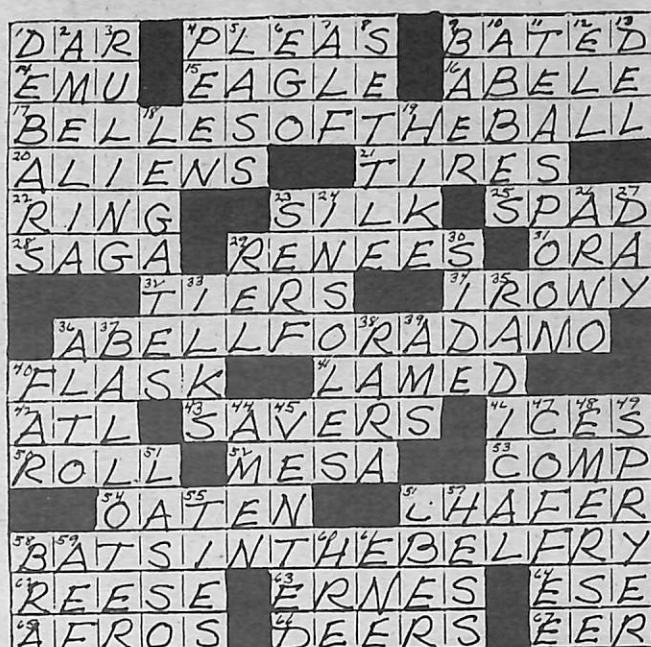
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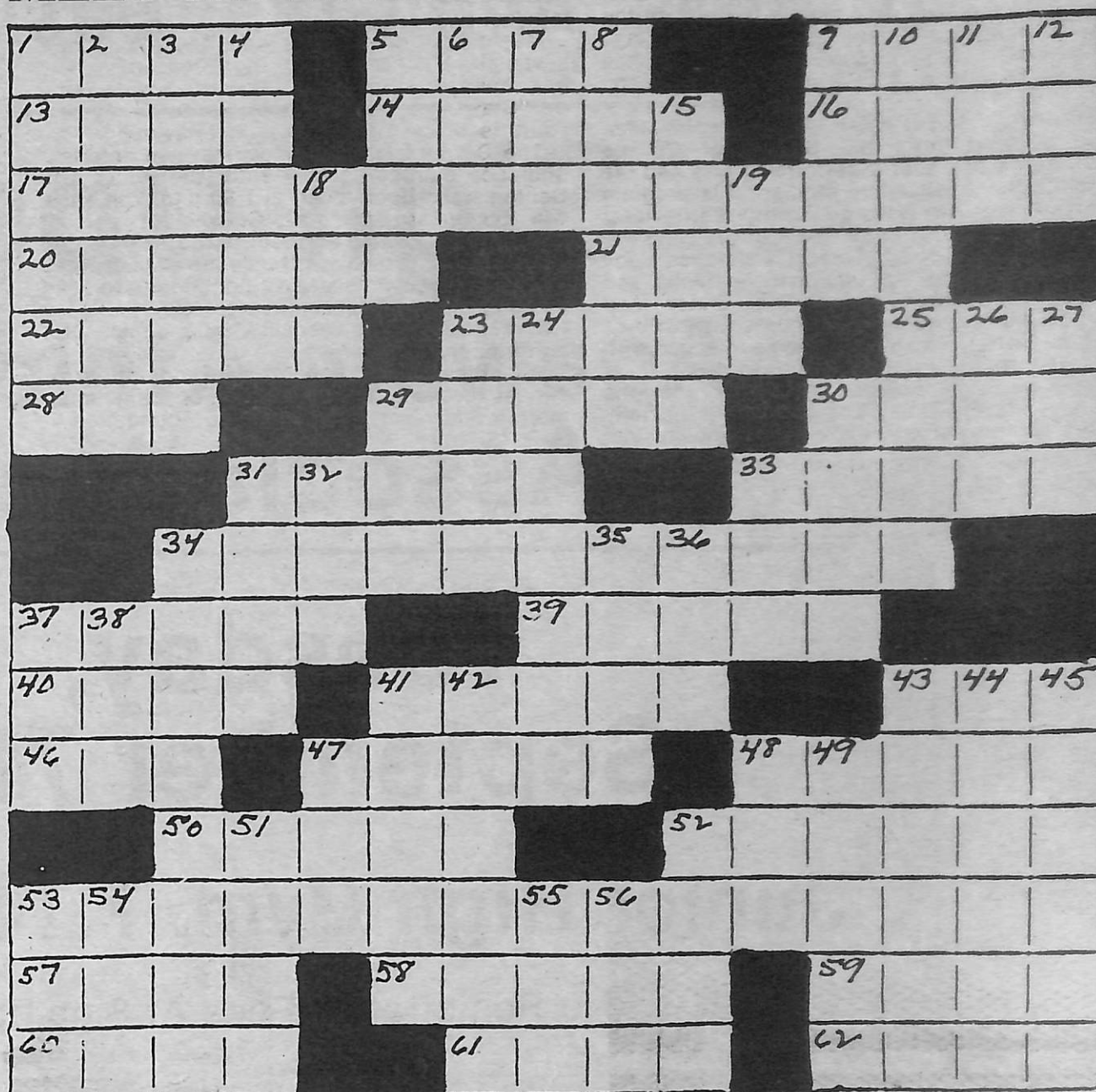
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Sponsored by *The Valley Advocate*, with additional support from the Springfield College departments of visual & performing arts and the rehabilitation & disability studies, this program features world-renowned composer/lyricist Sheldon Harnick (*Fiddler On The Roof*, *She Loves Me*, *Fiorello*, *The Rothschilds*), Tommy Femia as Judy Garland (hailed as "sensational" at clubs and theatres throughout the United States and Europe), and extraordinary dancers David Bovat and Lisa Carter, who have thrilled audiences with their modern, upbeat dance routines.

The New England Brass Quartet will rock the rafters with Dixieland and ragtime especially chosen for this show. The exciting Latino musical

troupe, Los Plenaros, will be presenting their musical selections.

Music director Michael Rheault will conduct a seven-piece orchestra playing Broadway show and musical selections for the critically acclaimed "Class Act." Be prepared for some mystery "surprises" during this serendipity evening.

The Dewey Hill Wind Ensemble will entertain audience patrons as they enter the Fuller Arts Center, when doors open at 7:30 p.m. The show will begin at 8:00 p.m. Convenient parking facilities are located adjacent to the Arts Center.

Tickets purchased in advance are \$24.50; at the door, \$30. Special donation categories have been established as follows: benefactor, \$250 (includes two reserved seats); sponsors, \$100; angels, \$75; and friends, \$50.

All proceeds will support daily operating expenses for the AIDS Foundation. For further information and reservations, call the Foundation at (413) 737-2691.

## WTG Announces Auditions For "A Christmas Carol"

The Westfield Theatre Group, a department of the Westfield Woman's Club, is holding auditions for "A Christmas Carol," to be directed by Kathleen Palmer. This musical rendition will be held on December 3rd, 4th, 10th, and 11th, at the Woman's Club, 28 Court Street, Westfield.

Auditions will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 7th and 8th, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Everyone from ages 10 through adult is encouraged to audition, as there are multiple parts available (both chorus and solo roles).

Everyone auditioning should be prepared to sing a short musical number, such as a Christmas song. Some music will be available, but it is suggested that everyone bring something of their own choice. Everyone auditioning will be required to read from the script.

Rehearsals will be held in the early evening, most likely Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, with some weekend rehearsals possible. Please call the theatre at 572-6838 should you have any questions.

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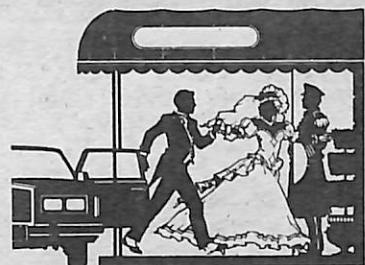
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## Education

At Agawam Junior High...

### Area Educators Attend Week-Long Seminar On 'Mentoring'

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

A mix of teachers, administrators, and paraprofessionals from several nearby school districts are spreading the word, and the training after attending a week-long seminar designed to help them organize mentoring programs for new teachers in their home districts.

Seventeen educators spent a week of their summer vacations at the Agawam Junior High School in workshops coordinated by social studies teacher Gail Dion and facilitated by Junior High Principal Kevin Littlefield.

Teachers, teaching assistants, and administrators came from Springfield, Westfield, Southwick, Granby, Nashoba, and Longmeadow to learn how to begin mentoring programs like the one launched here last year by AHS math teacher Lorraine Alves working in conjunction with the consulting firm, Teachers21. Barbara Aschein of Teachers21 led the five day-long training sessions in the school cafeteria.

Mrs. Dion took over as coordinator of the Agawam's mentoring program when Mrs. Alves left the system for a position in another school district halfway through the school year.

"We've had a very good experience here and we were able to train 35 teachers as mentors. Last year, the teachers were very positive about it, saying they enjoyed helping new teachers. I love working with student teachers and new teachers because I learn from them, too," Mrs. Dion, a 28-year veteran teacher, said.

The intent of the mentoring seminar was to provide an outline for school districts to use in training a core group of people from their district and to provide support for their fledgling programs. The training emphasizes helping mentors to transfer and reinforce classroom skills, like classroom control and best practices, in a relationship that is meant to be helpful, rather than supervisory.

"The program was to help surrounding school districts start their own mentoring programs and I hear it was very successful for the surrounding schools who attended," according to Assistant Superintendent Mary A. Czajkowski.

Faced with the specter of filling the teaching positions that will be created as a large cadre of veteran teachers here and across the county are approaching retirement, Ms. Czajkowski believes mentoring programs for new teachers will be a critical factor in a school system's ability to retain new faculty members beyond the first few years of their teaching careers.

#### Benefits Of Mentoring

"A significant retention of young teachers has been documented in school systems with mentoring," Mrs. Dion said. "People don't feel so overwhelmed and it helps to have the guidance of an

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AT THE WEEK-LONG "MENTORING" SEMINAR recently held at Agawam Junior High School: Junior High social studies teacher Gail Dion (standing, top photo), and Barbara Aschein (far right, photo below) of Teachers21, a consulting firm. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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experienced teacher and to have someone to talk to means a lot."

Nationwide, the turnover rate for new teachers is four years, Mrs. Dion said.

By funding programs like the workshop held at the Junior High in August, the State Department of Education (DOE) is taking a role in recruiting and retaining new teachers and showing their belief that mentoring is a very positive thing, Mrs. Dion pointed out.

"We're looking at a possible shortfall in the next five to 10 years with not enough teachers to fill the positions as many of us came into the school at the same time," Mrs. Dion said. "It's smart for a school system to provide professional development through a mentoring program. Who else would answer the thousand questions that come up in the first years of teaching? And the mentoring program promotes a much more collegial spirit within the building while easing the strain in the first few years and providing content support from experienced teachers."

In addition to the daunting tasks facing anyone entering the teaching profession, new teachers in Massachusetts are also expected to obtain a master's degree within three years in order to meet the certification requirements, so it makes sense for a school system to offer their new teachers as much support as possible through a mentoring program, Mrs. Dion said.

Ten years ago, the DOE committed to mentoring programs, but offered no grant funds. Now, the state is using Goals 2000 money from the federal government as seed money to encourage school districts to start mentoring programs. But, the school departments cannot rely on the money to continue.

"We're going to have to make some (financial) decisions as a school system," Mrs. Dion said. "Clearly, mentoring is an aspect of professional development, so school systems can look at it that way, rather than waiting 10 years for their teachers to develop the skills they want teachers to have."

With \$15,000 in a state grant to support this year's mentoring program for first- and second-year teachers, Agawam has the money to pay stipends to the mentor teachers and purchase materials and videos for the new teachers to use in getting acclimated to their role in the classroom.

**Monthly Meetings**

In addition to meeting with their mentor teachers, ideally during common planning times, the new teachers will be attending monthly meetings with school administrators and their mentors to discuss a wide range of challenges facing every new teacher.

With grant funding, Agawam was able to purchase a series of videos on particular classroom dilemmas, such as motivating students, communicating with parents, and classroom discipline, for instance. When the new teachers meet once a month with school administrators, they will view the videos and talk about how they'd deal with each situation and then they'll break into small discussion groups to work out solutions, Ms. Czajkowski said.

"I think this is going to be very beneficial for everyone," Ms. Czajkowski said.

## Ryan D. Henderson Receives Bachelor's Degree From RPI

Rensselaer Polytechnic has announced that Ryan D. Henderson of 33 Tom Street, Feeding Hills received a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering at the 193rd commencement exercises held May 14th at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Speaking at this year's commencement was Bill Nye the Science Guy, Emmy Award-winning host of the PBS/syndicated series "Disney Presents Bill Nye the Science Guy." Nye received an honorary Doctor of Science degree.

Also honored at the ceremony was Robert W. Galvin, chair of the executive committee of Motorola Inc. and Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award winner. Galvin received an honorary Doctor of Engineering degree.

Record numbers of recruiters came to the Rensselaer campus this year to hire the 1999 graduates, who are reporting even higher starting salaries this year than last. Those with bachelor's degrees are receiving average starting salaries of \$45,102, up from \$44,121 last year. Those with master's degrees average \$56,397, compared to \$56,259 last year.

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Mrs. Barbara Skolnick, a retired educator who was a principal for 27 years in the Agawam Public Schools, will begin her 10th consecutive year as an Adjunct-Professor at Springfield College in September.

Her specialty is to train junior and senior Education majors in the proper ways and techniques to become excellent elementary schoolteachers.

## Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

**Thursday, September 2nd:** Oven-baked chicken nuggets, honey and mayonnaise, dinner roll, seasoned vegetables, Jello with topping or mixed fruit cup, milk.

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Led By The Building Maintenance Director...

## School Committee Tours Town's School

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

With just about a week left before the opening of school, Building Maintenance Director Anthony Albro led School Department officials on an inspection tour of the schools to give School Committee members a first-hand look at the condition of the buildings and the progress of the summer maintenance projects.

School Superintendent Frank Ameruso said he was pleased with the condition of the school buildings and congratulated Albro, noting, "They've accomplished quite a bit over the summer."

School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson said little other than routine maintenance was needed at the elementary schools, which had all undergone extensive renovation and addition projects last year. He said Albro had been able to tackle almost all of the projects the principals had requested at all the schools.

"We are in excellent shape," Johnson said. "I would stack our system up against any system in the state."

School Committeewoman Roberta Doering noted that the playscapes had been installed at the four elementary buildings and a chairlift had been installed at the Middle School to make the school gymnasium handicap accessible.

At the Junior High, School Committeewoman Susan Pettazzoni was "happy to see the middle rooms have a new ventilation system and the carpeting is being replaced. I had been worried about the air quality in those rooms."

The lionshare of the summer's school maintenance, repair, and refurbishing focused on the High School, where some of the work recommended in the accreditation report dovetailed with the projects that had already been planned, Johnson said.

"They went over and beyond the recommendations," Ameruso said. "For example, painting 30 classrooms was not part of the recommendations. It was part of routine maintenance."

But, School Committeewoman Rosemary Sandlin was less than impressed with the maintenance of the High School after touring the elementary schools, Middle School, and Junior High School.

"It just doesn't appear to me that the maintenance is as stringent in this building as in the elementary schools," Mrs. Sandlin said. "This building should be our flagship."

### Information On The Upcoming SAT I & II Tests At Agawam High

The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT I - SAT II) will be administered at Agawam High School on **Saturday, October 9, 1999; Saturday, November 6, 1999; and Saturday, May 6, 2000.**

Seniors are encouraged to take the exam(s) on October 9th or November 6th. It is given on other dates during the school year at other test centers.

Registration forms are available in the High School guidance office. Deadline dates for registering for the test are noted on the registration form. If these are missed, students will be assessed a late fee. The earlier a student registers, he/she will have a better chance of being tested at Agawam High School.

The May 6th testing date is designated as the first testing date for juniors.

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, commonly referred to as the PSAT's, will be given to most juniors and some sophomores on Saturday, October 16, 1999. The registration fee is \$14.

The PSAT serves as an excellent pre-test for the May 6th SAT. Information will be forthcoming to juniors and sophomores in September.

The \$14 fee is paid to the guidance secretary in return for an admission ticket to the test. Students will receive an informative brochure explaining the details of the test.

Counselors will also discuss this test with the juniors and a limited number of sophomores.

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Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ... AAN!!!

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According to AHS Principal Joseph Zabielski, the key maintenance projects at the school included issues that had been raised in the accreditation report, such as painting bathrooms, installing privacy doors in the boys' bathrooms, and installing soap dispensers. Also, more than 100 new speakers have been installed throughout the building and a new intercom system was installed to make sure everyone in the school can hear the daily announcements. The heating problems have been corrected throughout the building as well.

New lockers for the boys' locker room have gone out to bid, central air conditioning was installed in the guidance office, bulletin boards are being installed to appropriately display student work, classrooms in the old wing have been painted, and old and decrepit furniture is being replaced, Zabielski said.

#### Impressive Job By Building Maintenance

During their tour of the school, committee members were impressed with the refurbishing project completed by Albro's crew in the gym, where the walls are freshly-painted and the floor gleams under a new finish that includes a depiction of the school's Native American mascot.

School Committeeman Louis Massoia, Jr. said Albro was able to paint the gym at a cost of \$900 by using town employees to do the job while Longmeadow spent \$11,000 to hire a contractor to

paint their high school gym. "This is a fantastic job," Massoia said.

In the science wing, Albro said seven safety shower and eye wash stations had been installed, fire blankets would be in the rooms before school opened, and the entire science wing has been brought up to safety standards. Also, two classrooms have had gas re-installed for use at laboratory stations as requested.

In the auditorium, Johnson said the lower half of the walls had been painted a darker green to match the metal seat backs and to keep the walls looking clean. The seats have been reupholstered, new carpeting was put down, and a special rigging was rented to paint the ceiling.

Johnson said the town routinely uses town employees for maintenance and repair projects to stretch out the available funds and to obtain a better quality of workmanship. "Our schools should be in tip-top shape when school opens," Johnson said.

Mary Elizabeth Dupelle, the High School representative to the School Committee, wished that more of the public could see how nice the school buildings look before the students arrive, especially at the High School, where more than one committee member was heard to question how long the repairs—particularly in the bathrooms—would last.

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## Boy Scout Troop Returns From Tour Of Washington, D.C.

Boy Scout Troop 78 of the Springfield Turnverein recently returned from a week-long tour of Washington, D.C.

They stayed at Bolling Air Force Base and traveled to tour the sites by way of the Metro. They toured the Pentagon, White House, and were given a tour of the Capitol by Congressman Neal. Other points of interest toured by the scouts included the Smithsonian, Arlington Cemetery, and the many memorial statues.

A final highlight of the trip was watching the performance of the Marine Corps Band and Silent Drill Team.

The troop will begin their fall program on Tuesday, September 7th. Many activities are already being planned for the new year. New members are always welcomed.

For information, contact Scoutmaster Ray LaBorde at 789-0097.

## St. Thomas The Apostle School To Open Sept. 7th

St. Thomas the Apostle School, 75 Pine Street, West Springfield, will open for the 1999-2000 school year on Tuesday, September 7th.

School hours are 7:35 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. The students will attend a 9:00 a.m. Mass in St. Thomas Church to officially commence the new year. All are welcome.

Parents should consult the *West Springfield Record* for the appropriate bus stops and times.

The After School/Extended Care Program will begin on the first day of school, September 7th. Lunches will also be served from the first day. Applications for free and reduced lunch will be available at the school.

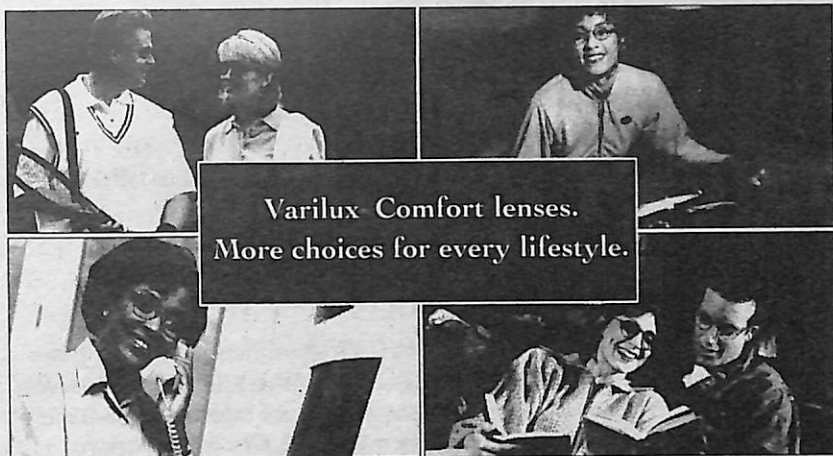
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CONGRESSMAN RICHARD NEAL (front row, far right) with Boy Scout Troop 78 during the Troop's recent week-long tour of Washington, D.C. The congressman gave the Troop members a tour of the Capitol.

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## ESL Summer Prog. Concludes Three-Week Run

A three-week-long ESL Summer Program concluded on Friday, August 13th. Children qualifying for this program were: 1) children who speak English as their second language; 2) are enrolled in the Agawam Public Schools (grades K-5); and 3) will benefit from continued English language experiences during the summertime.

Due to the great number of families interested in this program, it was necessary to limit enrollment to the 20 *most needy* children, in regards to their English proficiency needs.

Sue Mutti, Jennifer (Strniste) Dorval, and Dina Ciarmatori were the teachers guiding this active group of children through computer instruction, hiking skills, puzzle and game strategies, arts and crafts projects, interactive language activities, science and discovery lessons, reading, language arts and writing, learning new outdoor games, a carpentry project, as well as daily preparation and creation of their own snacks.

The goal of the ESL Summer Program was to provide ESL students with opportunities to continue using the English skills they had already acquired (if any), as well as to continue developing their English proficiency through verbal interaction and hands-on learning activities. The staff provided a comfortable atmosphere for these newcomers, in which each child was able to explore, discover, learn, and grow at his/her own pace and language proficiency level.

Some of the students were non-English speakers who have just recently arrived here in the United States. For these children, it is very important to understand and respect the "silent period" that is needed prior to any actual expressive ability in a new language. It is important to provide such learners with plenty of visual and auditory stimulation in the learning environment, as well as good modeling of spoken English.

It is not unusual for a beginning language learner to spend several months in the silent period of language acquisition. As confidence builds (along with all of the input of new vocabulary and information), so will the opportunities for oral expression in the second language.

For some children, the ESL summer program was a first-time school experience. It served as an "ice-breaker" in creating friendships, learning school rules, and expected behaviors, and forming student-teacher relationships. For others, the summer program served as a boost in levels of self-confidence and self-esteem, while for still other children, it offered the opportunities of new life-experiences such as hiking, fishing, picnicking, using a hammer and nails, playing soccer, roasting marshmallows on a campfire, and caring for a classroom pet.

The ESL Summer Program ran from July 26th through August 13th. It was held at Robinson Park School, in Room 17. Monday through Thursday sessions were half-day, and each Friday involved a full-day field trip experience.

Children, staff members, and volunteer chaperones enjoyed visiting Mt. Tom State Reservation, Mystic Marine Life Aquarium, and Look Memorial Park.

Funds from the Emergency Immigration Grant through the Massachusetts Department of Education enabled this program to become a reality for these students this summer.

## Meeting For Parents Of Perry Lane Nursery Children

There will be a Parent's Informational Meeting on Thursday, September 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Agawam Public Library Community Room.

This meeting is scheduled for parents whose children will be attending Perry Lane Nursery School (the little red schoolhouse at Perry Lane Park) in September.

If you have any questions, please call the Recreation Office at 821-0514.

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*Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you...*

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TEACHER ASSISTANT DINA CIARMATORI (center) is shown with some of the children who were enrolled in the ESL Summer Program held at Robinson Park School this summer.

## "Get Acquainted" Program At Granger

On Tuesday, August 31st, the Agawam Elementary Schools' "Get Acquainted Program" for kindergarten students will take place at Granger.

This is a change for the incoming kindergarten students to take the bus to school and "get acquainted." We hope this is helpful to the child as well as the parent or caregiver.

The schedule for Granger is as follows:

K a.m. — bus pick-up time, 8:45 a.m., leave school to return home, 10:15 a.m.; K p.m. — bus pick-up time, 9:45 a.m., leave school to return home, 11:15 a.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Granger Elementary School.

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## Sports



HOLLY MOREN of Agawam's Moren Signs, Inc., applies the new school logo (pictured above and below) to the freshly refinished gymnasium floor at Agawam High School. Holly is a 1999 graduate of AHS and will be attending UMass in Amherst in September.

### Dave Rollins Announces His Own Web Page

"Write to me at [daverollinssports@yahoo.com](mailto:daverollinssports@yahoo.com)," encourages AAN Sports Editor Dave Rollins. "The High School fall sports season is starting in Western Mass., as well as in New England and around the country. Let's talk about the blue chippers in our part of Massachusetts — how do you think they're going to do?"

"And, as the season progresses, we'll talk about their performances and possible possibilities for further glory in college. Maybe we can get some scouts interested in them."

"Because, as we've all noticed, most of the kids seem to be from Florida, Texas, other southern states, the midwest, and out west. There have to be some outstanding ones right here in our back yard worthy of recognition on a national scale."

"Please feel free to submit precise and updated statistics whenever you can, because I'll have mine and we can compare notes," concluded Rollins.

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At Agawam High School...

## Kibbe Gym Gets A Thorough "Makeover"

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Clifford Kibbe Gym at Agawam High School got some attention over the summer in the way of a new logo on the floor and a complete paint job on the walls and ceiling.

The logo was laid down by Gary Moren, owner of **Moren Signs** in Agawam. It was intricate work, according to his daughter, Holly, a 1999 grad of AHS who now works for the company. "First, he had to lay down a black background made out of vinyl. That was for the contrast. Then came a layer of brown and orange vinyl, which contained the details of the new logo. Then came the lettering," she said.

What folks will see now is a colorful Indian's head in school colors complete with a feathered headdress and the word AGAWAM written over the whole thing.

It took **Moren Signs** three days to make the pattern and two days for Gary Moren to lay it down. The logo was then covered by a clear floor coating, which was laid down by the company doing the painting.

According to Holly, the artwork will resist all the wear and tear it will receive for years to come. The cost came to \$300.

**Moren Signs**, which also did the big Agawam High School sign at the scoreboard end of Harmon Smith Field, also constructed a smaller sign near the road just outside the tennis courts, which reads "Agawam High School." It is a new addition as well.

As for the gym paint job, Building Maintenance Director Tony Albro had this to say, "It did a lot to brighten up the whole place."

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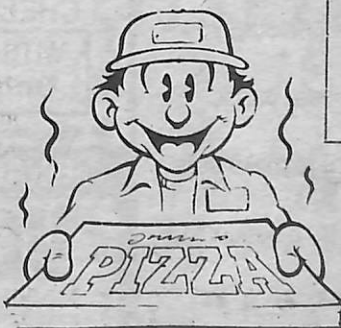
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## New Press Box Is A Welcome Addition At Agawam High's Harmon Smith Field

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Things are looking mighty good these days at Harmon Smith Field up at Agawam High School. A new press box has replaced the old one, which was not only tough to get into, but during some games was more crowded than an Irish pub on St. Paddy's Day.

This one, the brainchild of Athletic Director Kathleen McSweeney and built by Specialized Construction of Southwick, is a beauty. Director of Buildings and Maintenance Tony Albro gave us the dimensions. "It's 18 feet long, about the same as the old box. But, now it's 10 feet deep. And it's two stories high, with a height of seven-feet, six inches on the first story and seven feet on the second. The old press box had head room of about six feet and a depth of maybe six feet. The view from the second floor is impressive - you can see into the valley and hills beyond," Albro said.

The reason for two stories is so reporters can watch from the first level while camera crews use the second level, thus reducing the former

cramped conditions where, on occasion, the best thing you could have on hand wasn't a notebook or a Nikon, but a bottle of Ban 5000.

The entire old box was torn down for the new construction. It is set on a flooring of 2x10 beams covered by plywood. The floor rests on eight piers. "Originally, we had planned for four piers, with the rest of the load bolted to the stands. But, eight turned out better. It will stabilize the entire press box so there will be no chance of any sway," Albro noted. He also said welding crews will work on the bleachers around the new box, further strengthening the structure.

The framing is 2x4's, which are sheathed with plywood. The three field-facing windows on each level will have removable panels. The side windows will be fitted with permanent plexiglass.

### No Trouble Getting Into This One

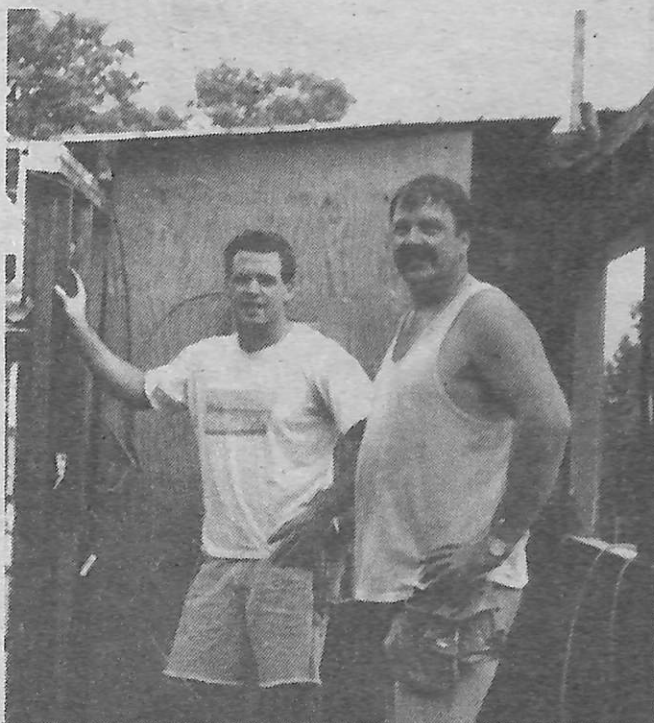
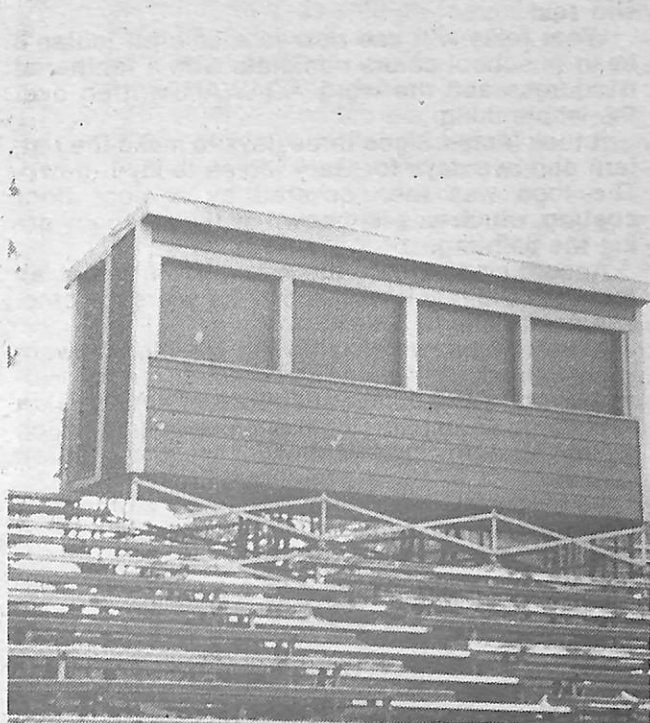
Perhaps the biggest problem with the old dinosaur was getting into it. You either had to

fight the crowd on the top of the left bleachers to reach the door, or go up the middle steps, then almost rappel your way around the corner to gain entry. One misstep and you got to see the ER rather than the sports being played on the stadium field.

The new door is in the same place on the left side. But now, a 4'x4' deck is in front of it, making it much easier to take a step into the box. "Definitely, access will be improved 100 percent," Albro said. "Steps to the second floor are solid and railed," he added.

The roof has been sealed with a rolled roofing material, assuring no leaks for the folks inside. The box will be sided with a clay-colored vinyl. The trim will be Agawam brown.

While the total cost isn't in yet, Albro, through buildings and maintenance, feels the final bill should be in the area of \$11,000, which should be money well-spent.



BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER: Due to the efforts of John Toomey and Mike Warren (center photo) of Specialized Construction of Southwick, the new press box at Harmon Smith Field will bring many a smile to the faces of area sports journalists. Advertiser News photos by Dave Rollins.

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## Cathy Rahilly Of Agawam Earns Medals In Rollerskating At Special Olympics

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

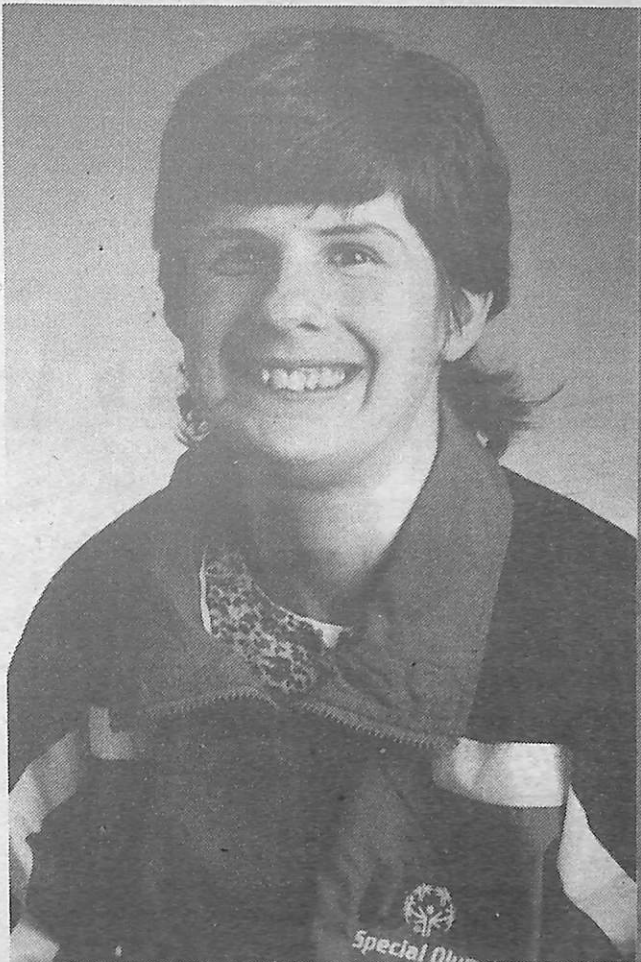
One of Agawam's top athletes recently returned from the 10th Annual Special Olympics World Summer Games held last month in Raleigh/Durham, North Carolina.

Cathy Rahilly mined two gold medals and a silver in rollerskating. The gold came in the figures and freestyle. She earned the silver in solo dance. The 23-year-old was part of a Massachusetts delegation made up of 98 delegates and 28 coaches - the largest delegation to the World Summer Games.

The Special Olympics World Summer Games is the largest multi-sport event in the world this year, with 7,000 Special Olympics athletes and 2,000 coaches from 150 countries. There were 19 Olympic-style events on the venue, which lasted from June 26th to July 4th.

Cathy is also talented on ice skates. In 1998, she earned the gold medal in figure skating at the International Games, and in 1993, received the SPORT award at the Special Olympics Winter Games. Her participation in the games, both summer and winter, goes back 13 years. She also bowls and plays soccer and volleyball.

She was accompanied to the Games by her mom, Ann, her dad, Ed, Special Olympics Coach Heather Shary, and her personal coach, Pat Smith of Wilbraham.



CATHY RAHILLY

### Sign-Ups Slated For Gymnastics At Spfld. Turnverein

Sign-ups for the STV Gymnastics program will be held September 7th, 9th, 14th, and 16th. Sign-ups are at the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden St., Feeding Hills.

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#### Another Memorable Trip

According to her mom, it was another memorable trip for Cathy. "Despite all her experience, Cathy was nervous at first. Freestyle is her strongest event. And winning the gold in that put her at ease. Also, we met a young family at Olympic Town, which is a place in the Olympic Village where the kids can go to relax. They rooted for her during her competition. That was positive reinforcement and maybe our best memory of this year's games."

Cathy is so good that plans are in the works for her to compete at the next level - the United Amateur Confederation, which is different from

the Special Olympics. "It will be the first time for her in that type of competition. But, it's really difficult to set limits for Cathy. There's no telling how far she can go," Coach Smith said.

Cathy trains at Interskate 91 on Boston Road in Wilbraham. Owner Kevin Baker has donated all the practice time at no charge for the Special Olympians who use the facility.

Cathy, who works at Geissler's Supermarket in Agawam, feels the reward she most cherishes for her participation in Special Olympics is fitting in with her peers. "And she just loves the applause from the crowd, recognizing her accomplishments," her mom said.



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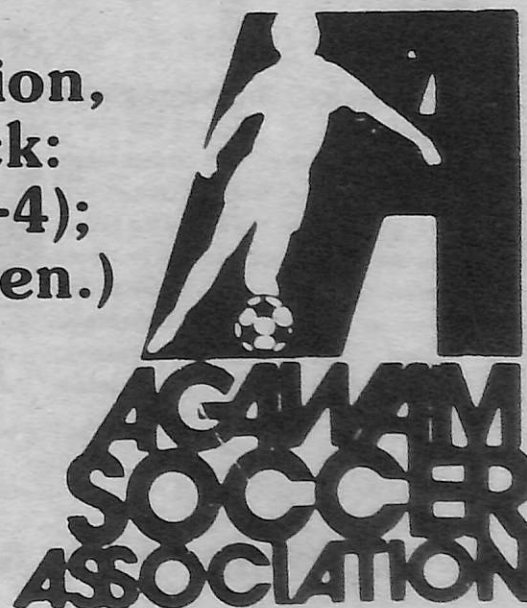
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At The End Of The Season...

## Agawam Women's Softball League Holds Banquet

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Noise, high fives, smiles, and laughter were the norm on the final evening for the Agawam Women's Softball League as they held their annual banquet.

No one gave a hoot who the winners or losers were during the season just passed. Good food, good drink, good friends, good times, and good works were the order of the evening and all that mattered for a couple hours at the West Springfield Fish and Game Club on Garden Street in Feeding Hills.

The season, good for some, great for others, and wait 'til next year for still others, was at its end. The regular campaign had memories of great plays and great games. The playoffs presented some disputes, some injured bodies, as well as feelings - all part of the game. But, as banquets usually go, all was forgiven and forgotten. Well, forgiven, anyway.

The evening, planning and put on by the Fish and Game Club (Larry and Linda Wilson, Roberta Forgues, Peter Lockhart, and Rick Pfeffer, with help from League Commissioner Nora Vinton) was a hit. The fare was steak, potatoes, salad, corn, and assorted munchies. As usual, the food was well-received. The folks who spent the hours planning, shopping, and preparing were all smiles, although slightly weary at the end.

A nice speech and comments were offered by (again, the bridesmaids) E.B's Restaurant Coach Bumper Donna Hue. Nora Vinton also contributed a few words to all who participated in the league and those present at the festivities. The symbolic passing of the torch was done by two-time defending champion Checkards Coach Larry Wilson, as he handed the championship trophy to Alyson Manning of Olive Oil's.

### Everyone's A Winner

While everyone feels like a winner on this special evening, it was made more special by another winner - The Ronald McDonald House in Springfield. The league started asking for donations for "The House That Love Built" at the



IN PHOTO ABOVE: Larry Wilson (far right) presents the Agawam Women's Softball League trophy to the 1999 champions — the members of Olive Oil's — at the league's recent banquet at the West Springfield Fish and Game Club. IN PHOTO BELOW: Bobbie Lou and Larry Wilson prepare the salad for the banquet. Photo below by AAN's Jack Devine.

league's All-Star game and things really got rolling at the banquet, with more donations and raffles all evening long.

Commissioner Vinton and Linda Wilson kept close track of things during both events. Donations at the banquet were made by the league, Milton Bradley Company, and many others. The final total to The Ronald McDonald House was \$325.

It was a fine tribute and a wonderful end to a softball season peopled by some of the greatest ladies around. They not only play hard, but care just as hard about other people and kids with problems of their own. They promise to give fans, coaches, and friends more of the same next season. They should be proud of themselves, as they not only carried the bats and balls high, but themselves as well.



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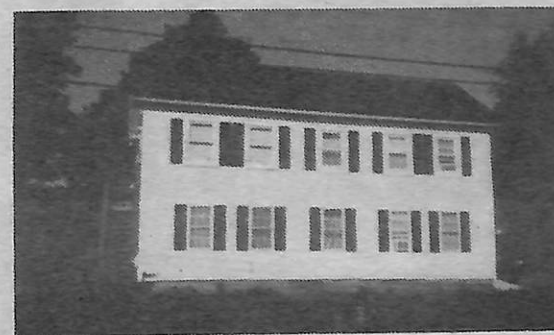
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## Shucking Corn For The Banquet...



AT THE AGAWAM WOMEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE'S recently held annual banquet (from left to right): Linda Wilson, Nora Vinton, Diana Clegg, and Kim Page. The banquet was held at the West Springfield Fish and Game Club on Garden Street in Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Fishing Tournament To Be Held In Honor Of Stephen Jonathon Cass

On March 29, 1998, 21 year-old Stephen Jonathon Cass of Westfield died from a brain injury. In honor of Stephen and his love of fishing, a fishing tournament will be held on Sunday, September 12th, beginning at 7:00 a.m. at Congamond Lakes in Southwick. All proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the Aitken Neuroscience Center in New York. This non-profit agency is committed to brain injury research, brain death, and education.

Entry fee for the tournament is \$100 per team of two people and pre-registration is not required. There is a bass six-fish limit per team. One thousand dollars will be awarded to the first-place winner and six other cash prizes will be awarded.

The tournament is sponsored by the Stephen Jonathon Cass Memorial Committee. For more information or registration forms, contact Jodi Lee Potts at 413-562-5771 or Barbara Robitaille at 413-568-7127.



### Golf Tip Of The Week...

Compiled by  
Jim Modzelesky,  
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#### Step Through

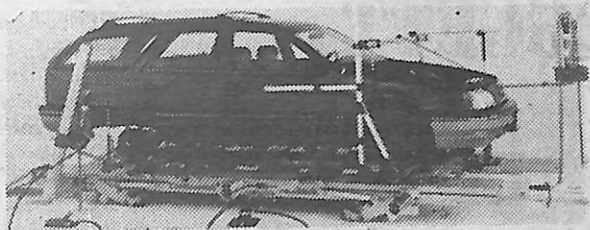
A good way to learn the proper right-to-left weight shift during the downswing is to step right through the swing.

In other words, instead of hitting against a firm left side at impact, you should actually bring the right foot off the ground, turn to your left as though you were about to start walking in that direction, and then step forward with your right foot.

This not only teaches you weight shift, but may also help you learn a new golf swing. For if you're a golfer who suffers from back pain, then a similar shift in which the right toe stays on the ground through impact is far more attractive than the traditional swing in which the head is behind the ball and the spine curves in a "C" shape after impact.

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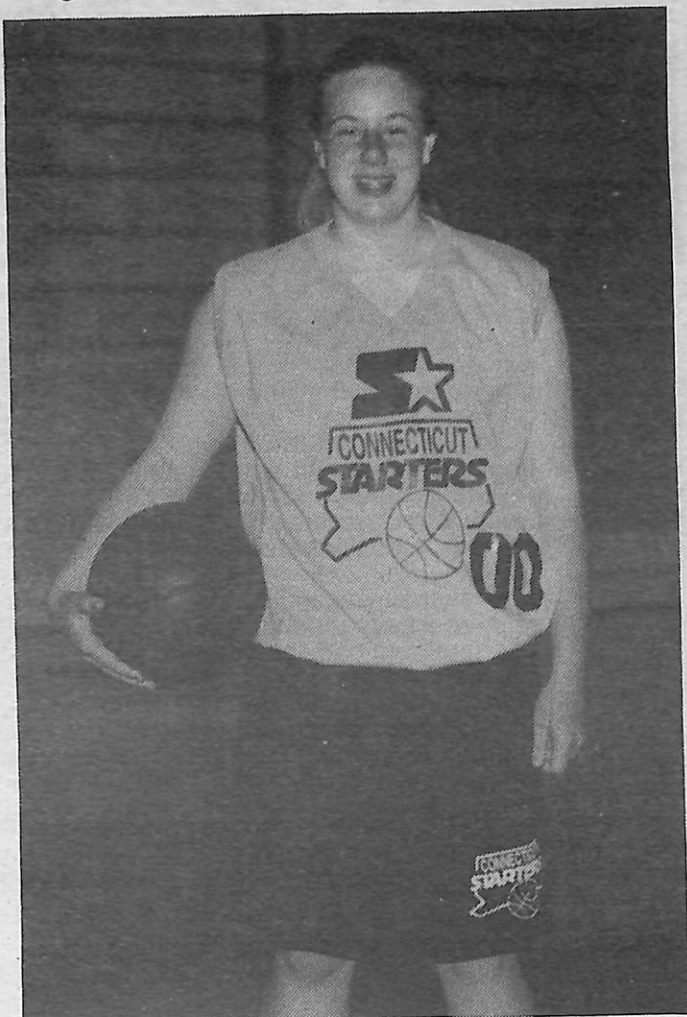
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For The Connecticut Starters 15 East Team...

## Liz Stieg Completes Another Successful Year Of Basketball

After a 22-game season on the Agawam High School girls' varsity basketball team, Liz Stieg's basketball season was just about to start all over again after a two-week break. Liz's AAU Team, the Connecticut Starters 15 East, was just beginning an 11-tournament, 50-game schedule.

Liz was coached by Karl Herbert (Northwest Catholic High School boys' JV and assistant varsity coach) and Mike Thomas (former AIC player and present referee). The team was comprised of high school players from Wallingford, Cheshire, Torrington, Waterbury, New Britain, Manchester, and Middletown, Connecticut. The team traveled to tournaments in Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, and finished with an overall record of 29-21.

They had a small team and lost their center before the first game of the season, and had to replace her with the next tallest player (who was only 5'10"). What they lacked in size was more than made up in skill and determination to win.

Coach Herbert's goals for his team were twofold; first, to enhance their individual skills to become a better player and be the best they could be; and second, to use the experiences in winning or losing to be a better person on and off the court. He earned the respect of his players and was truly a motivator.

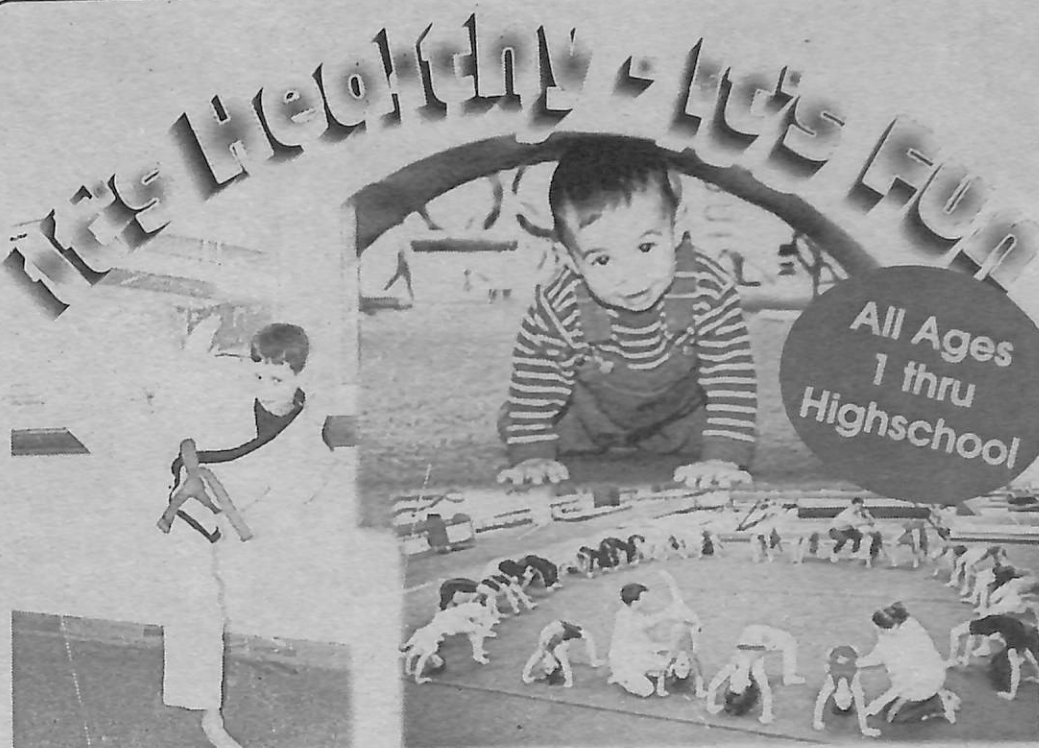
"Liz showed she is a versatile guard, having to play out of her natural shooting guard position," said Coach Herbert. "She became the team's most effective and consistent play-maker, and by season's end she was running the team like a seasoned point guard. She made all the right reads and passes to her teammates, made very strong moves to the basket, and finished strong. I think she has a very bright future at either guard position."

After getting off to a slow start (losing the first three games), they came together and went on to an 18-1 win streak for the first half of the season and finished the second half by an 11-17 record.

The toughest part of the schedule was from July 1st-18th, when the team played in three tournaments in three states (with only three days off to travel between tournaments). After playing in the Fourth of July Team Connecticut tournament, the team had two days off and flew out to play in the Great Lakes Shoot Out tournament in Wisconsin. After that, it flew back for one day of rest, then it was off to Philadelphia to play in the USA invitational Blue Chip tournament.

The team played against its toughest competition at the Blue Chip tournament in Philadelphia and played against some of the top AAU teams in the east. Some 170 or so college coaches in Division 1, 2, and 3 attended this tournament.

With the added experience and skills she learned playing point guard in AAU this past spring, Liz is looking forward to contributing to the basketball team this coming season at Agawam High School.

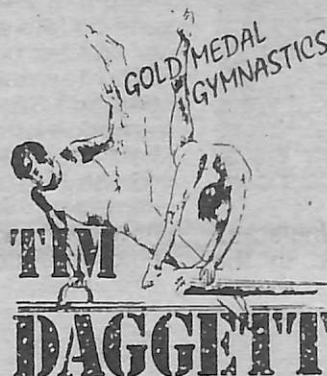


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## Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis  
Outdoor Writer

### Sportsmen Gain Open Space Land...

The State of Massachusetts has made an important purchase of land at a bargain price that will benefit wildlife and sportsmen alike.

The following press release was received from the Division and I will pass it on.

#### GOVERNOR TO LEAD WILDLIFE LANDS CELEBRATION AUGUST 27TH

On August 27th, Governor Paul Cellucci and Secretary of Environmental Affairs Bob Durand will celebrate the recent acquisitions of almost 1,900 acres of wildlife lands at separate events in the towns of Russell and Montague. At 10:00 a.m., the Governor and Secretary will be joined by representatives of International Paper Company at Strathmore Park in Russell to describe MassWildlife's recent \$415,000 open space bond purchase of 407 acres, creating the Tekoa Mountain Wildlife Management Area. The selling price represents a considerable concession for wildlife and open space protection as the property was appraised at \$1 million.

Tekoa Mountain forms a ruggedly scenic ridge which rises sharply from the Westfield River. The boulder-strewn hillside and sheer rock faces are visible from the MassPike and provide ideal habitat for ravens, turkey vultures, bobcats, and two state-endangered reptiles. The Mountain's forested flanks are home to whitetailed deer, black bear, and pileated woodpeckers (to name but a few of the resident species).

At 3:00 p.m., the Governor will join the Quinehtuk Company and Northeast Utilities on Lake Pleasant Road in Montague to dedicate the 1,490-acre Montague Plains Wildlife Management Area. The Wildlands Stamp Fund, which receives \$5 from the sale of each hunting and fishing license in the Commonwealth, provided 90 percent of the revenue needed to purchase the \$2 million parcel, with the remaining 10 percent coming from open space bond monies.

Montague Plains features a pitch pine/scrub oak community more commonly found in the southeastern part of the state and provides habitat for 11 rare species identified in MassWildlife's Natural Heritage Program database. Its gentle topography makes it a popular recreation destination for hikers, hunters, birders, and walkers.

MassWildlife Director Wayne MacCullum, Department Commissioner David Peters, Chairman George Darey, and members of the Fisheries and Wildlife Board, local conservation officials, and others will be on hand in support of these important open space acquisitions. Contact Bob Greco at (617) 626-1556.

#### FISH REPORT FRESH WATER

Hampden Ponds continue to give up some good large-mouth, especially after sunset. Try working dark-colored spinnerbaits near the lily pads. Unweighted plastic worms which are crawled through the heavy weeds are producing nicely.

Kurt over at Saunders Boat Livery at Congamond reports that action on bass has been an on again/off again proposition. The poisonings of the weed growth may be a factor in fish behavior. Any change to water chemistry will influence fish behavior.

Connecticut River small-mouth action has been fairly steady. During rising water conditions, fish are close to heavy cover.

#### SALT WATER

Tuna action is heating up, with reports of yellowfin being taken off of Block Island.

Stripers are still hot from the North Shore to Long Island Sound. The Race, Plumb Gut, and the rips at Cornfield Point are all producing decent fish.

Bluefish action is still sort of spotty. Some days, the Race is hot and other days it seems that you can't find them. There is still some action at dawn and dusk near the mouth of the Connecticut River.

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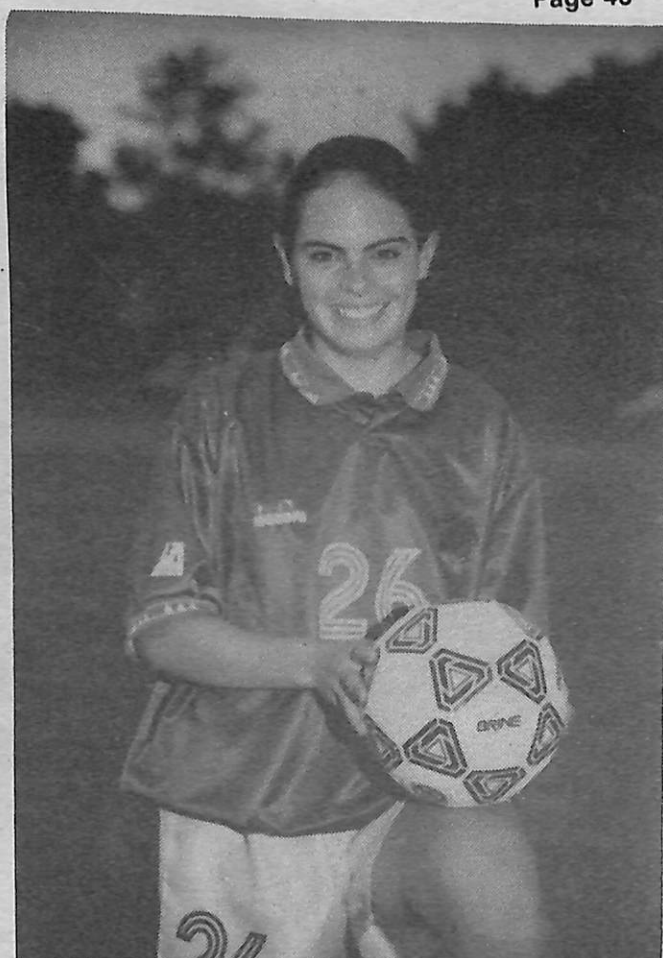
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## Two Agawam "Tigers" Help Ludlow To Capture Twist Soccer Title

Last weekend, the Ludlow Lightning, a traveling premiere team during the summer months, captured the championship of the Twist Soccer Invitational in the U14 division held at the Choate School in Wallingford, Connecticut, with a 4-1 record.

Two members of the Agawam Soccer Association's U14 Agawam Tigers, Shannon Cook and Kaitlin Sardella, were again Ludlow Lightning members during the three-day tournament. Shannon was easily the tournament's most outstanding defender from her sweeper position. Ludlow allowed just three goals over the five games.

Shannon also played for Cathedral High School's Pioneer Valley summer soccer team. She will be a freshman at Cathedral starting next week.

Kaitlin scored a goal and added four assists alternating between striker and wing to help the relentless Ludlow attack, including setting up the winning goals in the opening-round game and in the semi-final. Kaitlin will be freshman at Agawam High.

Both girls are three-year members of the Western United MAPLE Program. The Ludlow Lightning are coached by Tony Martins of Ludlow.

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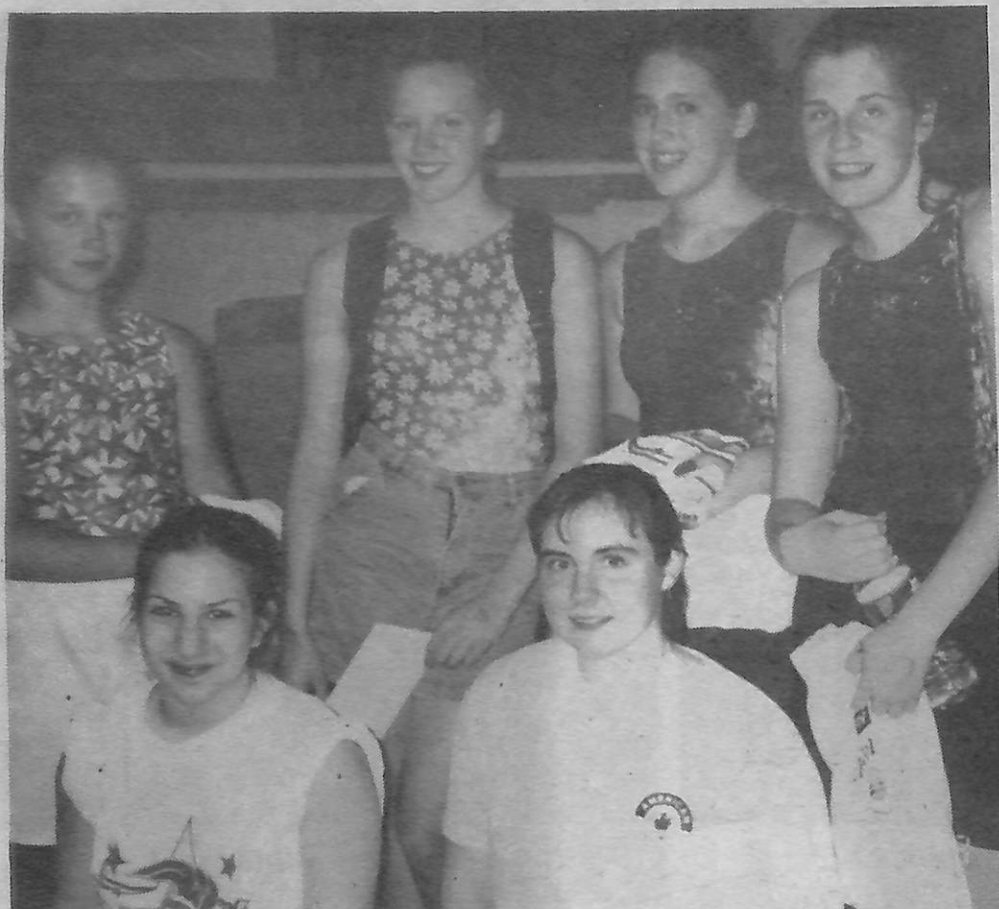
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## Turners At Bay State Games...



IN JUNE, Springfield Turners Gymnastics brought six girls to the Bay State Games Qualifier at the Pioneer Gymnastics School in East Longmeadow. All the girls did well and should be proud of their performance. Two girls, Dolores Cuccovia (an AHS sophomore) and Alicia Linder (an AJHS eighth-grader) placed in the top 10 on events and qualified to compete in Boston at the M.I.T. Dupont gymnasium. Due to prior commitments, Alicia was unable to attend, but Dolores did extremely well. Back row: Brittany Margiotta, Alicia Linder, Nicole Margiotta, and Sarah Huffman. Front row: Dolores Cuccovia and Coach Jessica Hansen. (Missing from photo: Meagan Pike.)

*Representing Tim Daggett's Gold Medal Gymnastics...*

## Four Local Men To Compete At U.S. National Gymnastics Championships

Four local men's gymnasts will compete in the forthcoming John Hancock U.S. National Gymnastics Championships in Sacramento, California on August 25th-28th.

The group includes Patrick McFarlin and Jamey Houle of Longmeadow, Steven Gaudette of West Springfield, and Jeff Lavallee of Stafford Springs, Connecticut. Together, they currently represent the Tim Daggett's Gold Medal Gymnastics Team of Agawam. Lavallee is also a member of the UMass gymnastics team.

The athletes qualified through a series of meets, including one held July 31st at the Texas Sports Ranch in Houston, Texas. According to *USA Gymnastics*, only 130 male and female athletes will have this opportunity for the national title and a spot on the U.S. National Team. Those selected will represent the United States in both domestic and international competitions. Athletic

funding will be provided by John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., and determined by All-Around placement at the meet.

McFarlin, Houle, and Gaudette will be competing in the junior division and Lavallee will be in the senior. They presently train under Todd Henry and Tim Daggett, the former 1984 Olympian. According to Daggett, "It would be a tremendous accomplishment to place four athletes onto the National Team from one gym, and would put Daggett Gymnastics into the elite of the elite gym category."

When asked what the individuals chances were, he said, "Jamey, Pat, and Steve all have the ability and potential to not only qualify for the National Team, but to claim National Championship in the All-Around and on several different events. They just need to do what they can do and they will bring home many honors."

As a senior, Lavallee will also have a chance to qualify for the World Team Trials and potentially represent the USA at the World Championships later this fall in China. Daggett added, "The Nationals are the thing we focus on and look forward to all year. It's what keeps us going day in and day out through all of the grinding training that is demanded in the quest to be the best." His top students typically train 24 hours or more per week over many years.

Houle and McFarlin, both age 17, will be seniors at Longmeadow High School. Both previously competed in the 1998 U.S. National Championship and both prefer the pommel horse event. Houle also competed in the 1998 Jr. Pan American Championships. Gaudette will be a sophomore at West Springfield High School. At 15, he will be the youngest of the group traveling.

## Soccer "Shootout" Champions...



THREE PIONEER VALLEY SOCCER PLAYERS recently took the girls's U14 championship title at the 3 vs 3 summit sports soccer shootout held in Ludlow the weekend of August 14th and 15th. This win qualifies the girls to participate in the national finals to be held in Orlando, Florida, in January 2000. Pictured from left to right are Coach Frank Fitchben, Ellen Rannenberg, Kim Hoague, Tricia Fitchben, and Coach Paul Rannenberg.

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## An Outstanding Season For 5th/6th Suburban Softball

The Agawam fifth- and sixth-grade Suburban Softball team put the finishing touches on an outstanding season when they defeated a very talented Greenfield team, 9-8, for the Suburban Play-Off Championship.

On three consecutive night, these girls played awesome! Having the best record going into the playoffs (12-0-1), Agawam received a first-round bye.

In their first game, a quarter-final match, they defeated a much-improved Southwick team, 6-2, behind a strong pitching performance by Jamie Cullen. Great base-running, speed, good bunting, and some timely hitting by Corinne Cardin, Cali Longtin, and Kate Gorman provided Agawam with all the offense they would need.

In game two, our hometown girls showed what depth and teamwork are all about. They began this game without the services of five starters, who were either sick, injured, or on vacation. This included pitching ace Sara Mantha, who was sidelined for the playoffs with a knee injury.

Christine Cassidy pitched great, recording her first complete game of the year. The defense was anchored with outstanding performances by Stephanie Brunelle at first, Kate Gorman at third, Sarah Bishop at second, and Tammy Gorman at short. They combined for 10 shutouts. Jamie Cullen had a great game behind the plate, allowing only one passed ball.

Christin Peters, Julie Gorman, and Kristin Laliberte provided some great bunting and speed on the basepaths, as Agawam defeated West Side, 10-2.

The final would be Agawam versus Greenfield. These teams faced each other once during the regular season in Greenfield, which Agawam won, 7-3.

This game provided lots of excitement for all seven innings. The lead changed hands four times and the game was tied twice, including going into the bottom of the seventh.

Katie Gorman pitched her best game of the season for the hometown girls. She recorded eight strikeouts in 6 1/3 innings.

Greenfield trailed 8-5 going into the last inning. A walk, a triple, and a ground out saw Greenfield pull within one. After a pitching change and an error, Greenfield had tied the score and had the bases loaded with only one out. A hard-hit ball deflected off new pitcher Jamie Cullen's glove; she stuck with it, though, and fired home to the outstretched arms of catcher Steph Brunelle for

## Open Pantry Golf Benefit Raises Nearly \$8,000

The seventh Annual Open Pantry Golf Benefit took place at Shaker Farms Country Club and proved to be a big success. Players from all over Southern New England participated, helping to raise close to \$8,000 for the pantry.

This is the largest fundraiser for the Pantry and gives local folks a chance to reach out to those in need. Besides daily meals, many other outreach programs are ongoing at the Pantry, which will soon have a name change to Parrish Cupbard.

The winning teams in the golf benefit were first gross, Bob Gursky, Bill Teed, Pat Kelly, Tam Sam-bor, and Mike Fleury with a 12-under par. Drawing prize winners won a set of Spaulding irons, Dunn; a Florida vacation, Haglund; set of woods, N. Skowera; limo and dinner, A Bacon; gas grill, D. Kenney.

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**THE AGAWAM FIFTH- AND SIXTH-GRADE SUBURBAN SOFTBALL TEAM:** back row — Coaches Nancy Cullen, Robin Bishop, and Mike Brunelle; middle row — Julie Czuprynski, Stephanie Brunelle, Jamie Cullen, Cali Longtin, Corinne Cardin, Christine Cassidy, and Kristin Laliberte; front row — Sarah Bishop, Sara Mantha, Katie Gorman, Meagan Pokorny, Tammy Gorman, Julie Gorman, and Christin Peters. (Missing from photo: Liz Barker.)

the force-out at home.

The next batter ground out when third baseman Julie Czuprynski made a good play on a fielder's choice to end the inning.

In the bottom half of the seventh, Agawam loaded the bases with two outs and the score tied. Christine Cassidy walked, scoring Meagan Pokorny (who had singled earlier in the inning) for a 9-8 Agawam victory.

Sarah Bishop, Steph Brunelle, Tammy Gorman, and Meagan Pokorny provided lots of offense for Agawam. Strong defense by Cali Longtin, Kristin Laliberte, Julie Czuprynski, and Christin Peters once again proved vital. (Vacationing Liz Barker was really missed.)

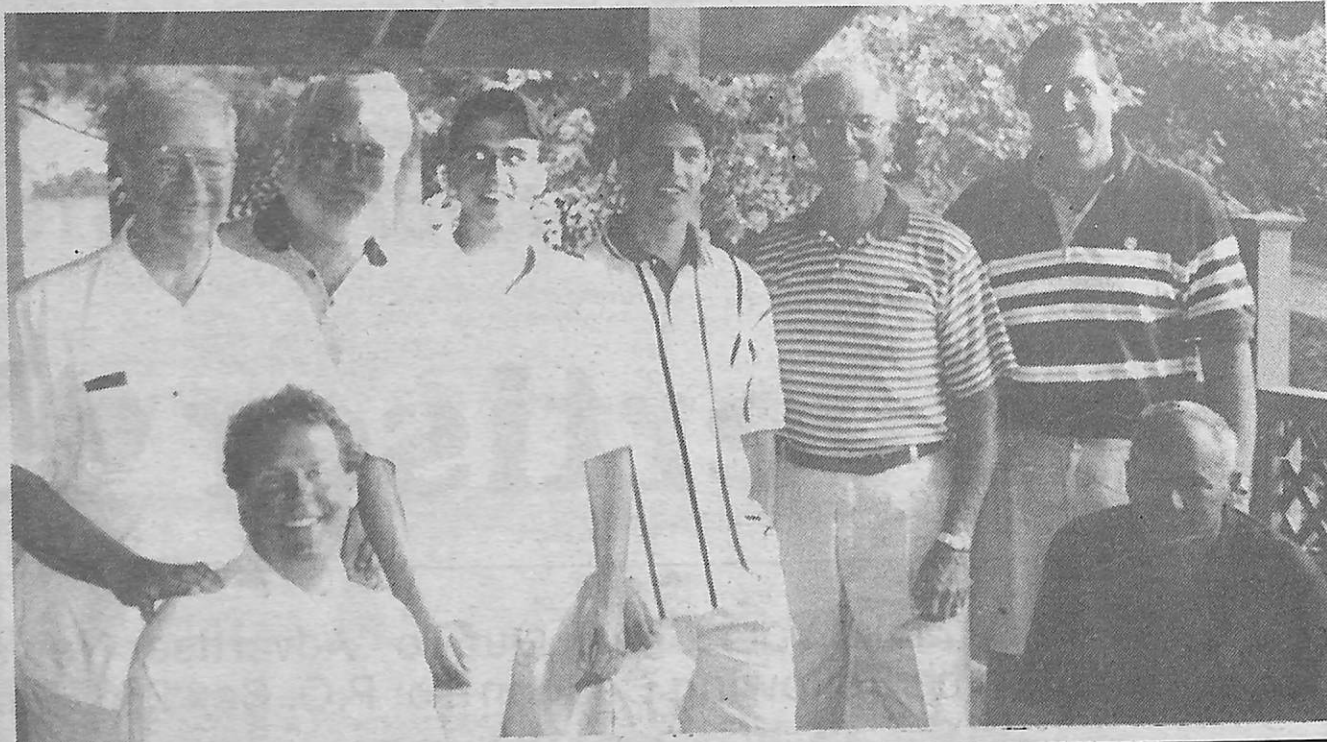
In addition to playing in the Suburban League, the girls traveled to Somerset, MA, to participate in their first tournament. They had so much fun and made many happy memories.

We wish to thank all the people of Agawam who supported both our car wash and fundraising at Stop & Shop. Also, thanks to Luigi's Pizza and E.B.'s for their food donations. Without everyone's generosity, our participation in the tournament would not have been possible.

The girls finished their Suburban season undefeated, ending up with 15 wins, no losses, and one tie. This took an enormous amount of TEAM effort.

Aside from being great softball players, this group was an exceptional group of young women. They supported each other on and off the field and showed what being a TEAM is really all about.

On behalf of all the girls, we want to thank their parents for their love and support all season, and their coaches for their guidance and patience throughout the season.



**AMONG THE PRIZE WINNERS** at this year's Open Pantry Golf Benefit: front row (kneeling) — Jim Dunn and Bob Lyne; back row (standing) — Art Bacon, Dave Kenney, Rick Haglund, Nolan Skowera, Don Engel, and Paul Engel.

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## Racing At Riverside...

### 150-Lap Modified To Decide Budweiser Triple Crown King

Three-Part Series Concludes  
On Saturday, August 28th

The \$6,000 Budweiser Triple Crown Series will conclude on Saturday, August 28th, with 150-lap features for the NAPA Modifieds and Teddy Bear Pools Pro Stocks. The final leg of this three-part series will also offer a preview of Riverside Park Speedway's final NASCAR Featherlite Modified Series event scheduled for Saturday, September 4th.

"We've got 150 laps to make adjustments," says Rob Summers of Manchester, CT, who leads the Triple Crown point standings in the NAPA Modified division with 92 points. "That's what we did in the 125-lapper and (car owner) Denis (Pruchnik) had that car right on. We're not afraid to make adjustments under caution, we just need to get it right for the last 50 laps." Summers earned his second career victory in July 4th's 125-lap Triple Crown Series race, and his first career win came during a 75-lap Triple Crown Series race in 1998.

"I just pace myself and get into a rhythm," says Summers of his extra-distance race success. "A lot of cars get loose towards the end, but the longer I go the better I get."

Summers, driver of the No. 42 Arbitell Convenience Stores Cavalier, will contend with the challenges of Bob Polverari, Ricky Miller, Eddy Spiers, and Ted Riggott, who all trail Summers in the Triple Crown standings heading into August 28th's event. Summers also led the 1998 Triple Crown standings after two races, only to have Miller win the final race and the series championship.

Leading the Teddy Bear Pools Pro Stocks into battle will be Ellington, CT's Rich Vasseur. Vasseur leads the Pro Stock portion of the Triple Crown standings ahead of Jeff Connors, Eddy Carroll III, Jim Banfield, and Les Hinckley III.

The Teddy Bear Pools Truck division will also be recognized for their accomplishments in the Triple Crown Series events. The highest finishing driver in the Teddy Bear Pools Triple Crown standings will receive a limited-edition Bud Racing leather jacket and other prizes.

The Budweiser Triple Crown Series was started in 1998 and offers a "point fund within a point fund" to Riverside Park Speedway's Modified and Pro Stock competitors. The \$6,000 point fund will divide \$4,000 among the top three Modified drivers and \$2,000 among the top three Pro Stock drivers in the Triple Crown standings after August 28th.

The money in the Triple Crown Series is in addition to Riverside Park Speedway's point fund, which stands at over \$80,000 for the 1999 season. In addition to the track point fund and Triple Crown point fund, drivers in the Modified division can also win part of the \$108,500 NASCAR Winston Racing Series regional prize money.

With Riverside Park Speedway's final Featherlite Modified Series race being held just one week later, officials are gearing up for an influx of Modified Series racers on August 28th.

"It's a great way for out-of-town drivers to dial in their cars for a very competitive race coming up the following week," says Director of Auto Racing David Deery. "On September 4th, we race 200 laps and every fraction of a second will count. The third leg of the Budweiser Triple Crown Series on August 28th will attract some of the top Modified Series teams for a test run, and the fans will be the ones who benefit!"

The pit gates will swing open at 1:30 p.m. and the grandstands open at 3:00 p.m. on August 28th. Qualifying begins at 6:00 p.m. and the first feature race will take the green flag at 7:30 p.m. Adult tickets for the Budweiser Triple Crown Series race are \$17.99 and children ages 11 and under are free when accompanied by a paid adult.

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**September 11th:** NASCAR Winston Racing Series Championship Night - final NASCAR Winston Racing Series Points Race!

### A Return To School Signals An Increase In Sports Injuries

Stretching And Other Preventive  
Measures Are Recommended

As children prepare to return to the classroom this fall, they will also be returning to the playing field for various sports such as football, soccer, and cross-country, as well as other athletic activities, including cheerleading.

"It is estimated that 40 million kids throughout the country participate in athletic activities both in and out of school each year," said Terry Ditmar, a physical therapist and certified strength and conditioning specialist at Baystate Rehabilitation Care at 3300 Main Street, Springfield, a service of Baystate Health System.

"And one in 10 of those students will end up in their local hospital's Emergency Department due to a sports injury," he added.

According to Ditmar, many of these injuries are due to fatigue and poor conditioning.

"It's the rule of 'too's.' Doing too much, too soon, too fast, too hard, and with too little rest. The sad thing is that much of this trauma, in particular that which we consider overuse injury, is preventable," Ditmar said.

"You can't just put ice on these injuries and expect them to go away. Recovery is often slow and very difficult to achieve," he added.

Ditmar explained that when an overuse injury occurs, young athletes should modify the intensity, duration, and/or frequency of the activity to allow the body to recover and heal itself.

He said students, coaches, and parents should be aware of the signs signaling the progressive onset of an overuse injury; initially feeling pain at the beginning of activity, then discomfort throughout practice, leading to soreness during and just after practice; and finally, pain noted in the morning and throughout the day.

But there is also what Ditmar calls "acceptable pain" which goes away in a reasonable amount of time.

"Some discomfort is normal with the onset of a new or renewed sports activity," Ditmar said, "such as muscle aches or stiffness after hard practice."

This distress is known as "delayed onset muscle soreness," discomfort which develops one or two days after the beginning of intense activity, and typically lasts three to five days.

"Although performance may be reduced for a few days, the body accommodates to the new stress as the muscles become conditioned," he explained.

"But any pain lasting more than five days may indicate a more serious injury which will need the attention of a doctor or physical therapist," Ditmar added.

He also cautioned that when injury does occur, full recovery is "never guaranteed" and that prevention is the key.

Ditmar recommended that "initially you must get fit for your sport rather than use the sport to get fit."

According to the Baystate physical therapist, stretching exercises are one of the most effective ways of preventing injury.

"You should warm up and stretch lightly prior to athletic activity and then stretch more aggressively afterward," said Ditmar. "Think of it as preparing your body for the next bout of exercise."

Ditmar noted that slow, sustained stretching was significantly safe and more effective than bouncing.

"As beneficial as stretching is, it is not a cure-all and will not prevent injuries from occurring when athletes push their bodies too far," Ditmar said.

Also, Ditmar recommended that students see their school's athletic trainer if they are having any "excessive or prolonged discomfort" so that the problem can be addressed before it develops into a serious injury.

Baystate Rehabilitation Care provides a full range of rehabilitation services to assist patients regain function and achieve recovery. Doctors who specialize in rehabilitation medicine, therapists, and other staff members work together to help patients set and reach their goals.

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### Sunday Night Summer Soccer League (Final Standings)

#### MEN'S DIVISION 1

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Green Bleed	6	1	0	15
Cougars	6	1	0	15
Tsunami	5	1	1	16
Napoli	5	2	0	15
United Force	4	3	0	12
Phat Boyz	4	3	0	12
England	3	4	0	12
Brownies	3	3	1	10
Hopkins Academy	2	5	0	6
Agawam HS	1	6	0	3
Australia	1	6	0	3
Ireland	0	7	0	0

#### MEN'S DIVISION 2

	W	L	T	P
Bosnia	5	0	2	17
Italy	5	1	1	16
Hackers	4	3	0	12
Brazil	4	4	0	12
USA	3	3	1	10
France	3	4	0	9
Springfield PD	2	3	2	8
Holland	1	6	0	3
The Gap	1	6	0	3

#### WOMEN'S DIVISION

	W	L	T	P
Norway	6	1	0	18
Argentina	5	0	2	17
WS (Mason)	5	2	0	15
West Side HS	3	2	2	11
Sweden	3	3	1	10
Germany	2	1	4	10
Holy Name	2	3	2	8
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# Fall Athletic Schedule

## CROSS COUNTRY

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Site: Robinson State Park

Coach: Bill Dillon

- \* September 13th: Away - Cathedral/Minnechaug (Forest Pk).
- \* September 21st: Home - Sabis/Chicopee, 3:45 p.m.
- \* September 28th: Away - Chicopee Comp./Minnechaug/Amherst (State Park).
- \* October 6th: Away - Longmeadow/Central/SciTech, 3:45 p.m.
- \* October 13th: Home - East Longmeadow.
- \* October 19th: Home - Northampton/Holyoke.
- \* October 25th: Away - West Springfield/Ludlow.
- \* October 29th: Away - Westfield/West Springfield.

## FIELD HOCKEY

Time: 3:30 p.m. (JV plays first)

Varsity Coach: Carla

Lemnah-Warner

Jr. Varsity Coach: Beth Schroeder

- \* September 9th: Home - Mohawk.
- \* September 13th: Away - Mahar.
- \* September 15th: Home - Longmeadow.
- \* September 17th: Away - Southwick.
- \* September 22nd: Away - Minnechaug.
- \* September 24th: Home - Palmer.
- \* September 28th: Away - South Hadley.
- \* September 30th: Home - East Longmeadow.
- \* October 5th: Away - West Springfield.
- \* October 8th: Home - Westfield.
- \* October 12th: Away - Longmeadow, 3:15 p.m.
- \* October 15th: Home - Southwick.
- \* October 19th: Home - Minnechaug.
- \* October 22nd: Away - East Longmeadow.
- \* October 25th: Home - West Springfield (V).
- \* October 25th: Away - South Hadley (JV).
- \* October 28th: Away - Westfield.

## FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Site: Phelps School

Coach: Kirk Parker

- \* September 17th: Away - Greenfield.
- \* September 24th: Home - Longmeadow.
- \* October 1st: Away - Chicopee Comp.
- \* October 8th: Home - Minnechaug.
- \* October 15th: Away - Holyoke (Roberts Field).
- \* October 22nd: Home - South Hadley (Phelps - 4:00 p.m. start).
- \* October 29th: Home - Westfield.
- \* November 5th: Home - Central.
- \* November 12th: Home - Cathedral.

## JR. VARSITY FOOTBALL

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Coach: Staff

- \* September 20th: Home - Greenfield.
- \* September 27th: Away - Longmeadow.
- \* October 4th: Home - Chicopee Comp.
- \* October 11th: Away - Minnechaug (11:00 a.m. start).
- \* October 18th: Home - Holyoke.
- \* October 25th: Away - South Hadley.

- \* November 1st: Away - Westfield.
- \* November 8th: Away - Central.
- \* November 15th: Away - Cathedral (3:00 p.m. start).

## VARSITY FOOTBALL

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Coach: Tad Desautels

- \* September 11th: Home - Hoosic Valley (9:30 a.m. - scrimmage).
- \* September 17th: Home - Greenfield.
- \* September 24th: Away - Longmeadow.
- \* October 1st: Home - Chicopee Comp.
- \* October 9th: Away - Minnechaug (2:00 p.m.).
- \* October 15th: Home - Holyoke.
- \* October 22nd: Away - South Hadley.
- \* October 29th: Away - Westfield.
- \* November 13th: Away - Cathedral (1:30 p.m.).
- \* November 25th: Home - West Springfield (10:00 a.m.).

## GOLF

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Coach: Paul Bachini

- \* September 8th: Away - Amherst.
- \* September 9th: Home - Sci Tech.
- \* September 10th: Home - West Springfield.
- \* September 13th: Home - Longmeadow.
- \* September 14th: Away - Chicopee Comp (Chicopee CC).
- \* September 15th: Away - East Longmeadow (Elmcrest).
- \* September 20th: Home - Ludlow.
- \* September 22nd: Home - South Hadley.
- \* September 23rd: Home - Holyoke.
- \* September 27th: Away - Minnechaug.
- \* September 29th: Home - Amherst.
- \* September 30th: Away - Westfield.
- \* October 4th: Away - Sci Tech (Vet's).
- \* October 8th: Home - Northampton.
- \* October 13th: Away - Longmeadow (Longmeadow CC).
- \* October 14th: Away - Ludlow (Westover).
- \* October 15th: Away - Cathedral (Franconia).
- \* October 18th: Away - South Hadley (Orchards).
- \* October 20th: Home - Minnechaug.
- \* October 25th: Away - WMass. (Crumpin Fox - Bernardston, MA).
- \* November 1st: Away - States (Pleasant Valley - Sutton, MA).

## GYMNASTICS

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Coach: Alison Bonnyman

- \* September 23rd: Away - Minnechaug/Amherst
- \* October 1st: Away - Gateway/Westfield
- \* October 5th: Home - Chicopee Comp/Hampshire
- \* October 8th: Away - South Hadley/Monument Mt.
- \* October 12th: Away - Wahconah/Pittsfield
- \* October 20th: Away - Minnechaug/Amherst
- \* October 26th: Home - Gateway/Westfield
- \* November 2nd: Away - Hampshire/Chicopee Comp.
- \* November 5th: Home - South Hadley/Monument Mt.
- \* November 12th: Pittsfield/Wahconah

## FRESHMAN BOYS SOCCER

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Coach: Alan Corbin

- \* September 9th: Away - Amherst
- \* September 13th: Home - Cathedral
- \* September 15th: Away - East Longmeadow
- \* September 21st: Away - Ludlow
- \* September 28th: Away - Central (4:30 p.m.)
- \* September 29th: Home - East Longmeadow
- \* October 1st: Away - Holyoke (Springdale Pk)
- \* October 4th: Home - Longmeadow
- \* October 7th: Home - Minnechaug
- \* October 12th: Away - West Springfield
- \* October 14th: Away - Westfield
- \* October 18th: Away - Cathedral
- \* October 21st: Home - Ludlow
- \* October 26th: Home - Central (4:30 p.m.)
- \* October 29th: Away - Longmeadow
- \* November 1st: Home - West Springfield

## BOYS SOCCER

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Varsity Coach: Glenn Olson

JV Coach: Jeff Rousseau

- \* September 9th: Home - Amherst
- \* September 13th: Away - Cathedral
- \* September 16th: Away - Chicopee (4:30/6:00 - Alpert/Szot)
- \* September 21st: Home - Ludlow (V) (7:00 p.m.)
- \* September 21st: Away - Ludlow (JV) (3:30)
- \* September 23rd: Away - Chicopee Comp (JV at Rivers)
- \* September 28th: Home - Central (5:00/6:30)
- \* September 30th: Home - Pioneer Valley Reg. (5:00/6:30)
- \* October 1st: Home - Holyoke
- \* October 4th: Away - Longmeadow (V) (7:00)
- \* October 4th: Home - Longmeadow (JV)
- \* October 7th: Away - Minnechaug
- \* October 12th: Home - West Spfld. (5:00/6:30)
- \* October 14th: Home - Westfield
- \* October 18th: Home - Cathedral
- \* October 21st: Away - Ludlow (V) (7:00)
- \* October 21st: Home - Ludlow (JV)
- \* October 26th: Away - Central (5:30/7:00)
- \* October 29th: Home - Longmeadow (V)
- \* October 29th: Away - Longmeadow (JV)
- \* November 1st: Away - West Spfld. (5:00/6:30)

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**FRESHMAN GIRLS  
SOCCER**Time: 3:30 p.m.  
Coach: TBA

- \* September 10th: Home - Ludlow
- \* September 14th: Away - Amherst
- \* September 17th: Home - Chicopee
- \* September 20th: Away - West Spfld.
- \* September 22nd: Away - Minnechaug
- \* September 24th: Away - Westfield
- \* September 27th: Home - Longmeadow
- \* September 29th: Away - East Longmeadow
- \* October 5th: Away - Central (4:30)
- \* October 6th: Away - Ludlow
- \* October 8th: Away - East Longmeadow
- \* October 13th: Home - Cathedral
- \* October 15th: Away - Holyoke
- \* October 19th: Away - Chicopee Comp.
- \* October 21st: Away - Westfield
- \* October 25th: Home - Minnechaug
- \* October 27th: Home - East Longmeadow

**GIRLS' SOCCER**

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Varsity Coach: Laura Wray

JV Coach: Lynda Kunasek

- \* September 10th: Away - Ludlow (7:00)
- \* September 10th: Home - Ludlow (3:30)
- \* September 14th: Home - Amherst
- \* September 17th: Away - Chicopee (Moose/Szot)
- \* September 20th: Home - West Spfld.
- \* September 22nd: Home - Minnechaug
- \* September 24th: Home - Westfield (V) (7:00)
- \* September 24th: Away - Westfield (JV).
- \* September 27th: Away - Longmeadow (V) (7:00)
- \* September 27th: Home - Longmeadow (JV)
- \* September 29th: Away - Wahconah (4:30/6:30)
- \* October 5th: Home - Central (5:00/6:30)
- \* October 6th: Home - Ludlow (V) (7:00)
- \* October 6th: Away - Ludlow (JV).
- \* October 8th: Home - East Longmeadow (5:00-6:30)
- \* October 13th: Away - Cathedral
- \* October 15th: Home - Holyoke

- \* October 19th: Home - Chicopee Comp.
- \* October 21st: Away - Westfield (V) (7:00)
- \* October 21st: Home - Westfield (JV)
- \* October 25th: Away - Minnechaug
- \* October 27th: Away - East Longmeadow (5:30/7:00)

**Volleyball**

Time: 3:30 p.m. Coach: Pat Demers

- \* September 8th: Away - Dean Tech
- \* September 10th: Away - Belchertown
- \* September 15th: Home - Longmeadow
- \* September 17th: Away - Amherst
- \* September 22nd: Home - Minnechaug
- \* September 24th: Away - East Longmeadow
- \* September 29th: Home - Ludlow
- \* October 1st: Home - Ware
- \* October 6th: Home - Belchertown.
- \* October 8th: Away - Longmeadow
- \* October 13th: Home - Amherst
- \* October 15th: Away - Minnechaug
- \* October 20th: Home - East Longmeadow
- \* October 22nd: Away - Ludlow
- \* October 25th: Home - Dean Tech
- \* October 27th: Away - Ware
- \* October 29th: Home - Holyoke

**Keenan's Office  
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State Representative Daniel F. Keenan is pleased to share with his constituents a user's guide to the Westfield River. Anyone interested in obtaining a *Westfield River User's Guide* should contact Rep. Keenan's office at (413) 786-4545.

The guide contains a map of the area, and a list of recreational activities such as cultural events, museums, public parks, and historic and scenic sites along the river. There is also a list of places where camping, canoeing, and bicycling opportunities can be found.

The Westfield River was the first in Massachusetts to be designated "Wild and Scenic" by the National Park Service, and its beauty is shared by the 27 communities within its basin.

**AHS Athletic Dept.  
Lists Important Dates**

September 2nd: Back to Sport Night, 7:00 p.m.; September 7th: Media Day (2:15 p.m.); September 8th, "Let the Games Begin"; October 2nd: 5th Annual Berkshire Power Golf Tournament to benefit the Agawam High School Athletic Dept., 8:00 a.m.

If you are in need of an M.I.A.A. Physical Examination Form, they are available in both the Main Office and the Athletic Director's Office of Agawam High School. Summer hours are from 8:00 a.m.-2:45 p.m. (offices are closed from 12:00-1:00 p.m. for lunch).

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The Agawam Chamber of Commerce announces plans for their second Annual Nine-Hole Golf Social scheduled for Thursday, September 23rd at Agawam Country Club.

The Chamber is hosting the fall afternoon of golf and business networking to offer Agawam business people an opportunity to meet for a golf outing without having to take an entire day off from work.

Tee times will be set up between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. allowing for foursomes to complete a nine-hole scramble and then gather for a light buffet and networking in the Clubhouse.

"Everyone that played last year suggested that the Chamber continue the tradition. In addition to

the fun, the Chamber is pleased to offer another opportunity for area business men and women to meet, introduce themselves, and expand their network of business contacts here in Agawam," said Linda Northup Vitro, president of the Agawam Chamber.

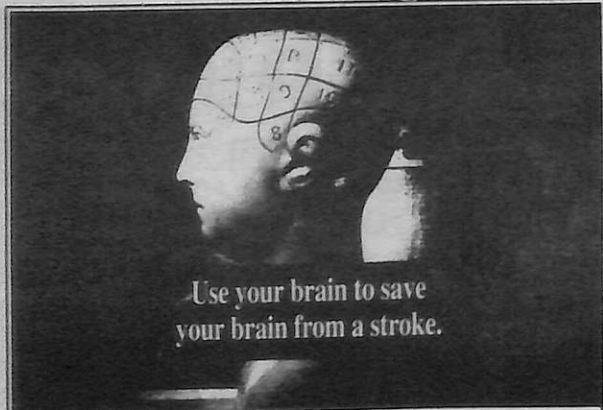
"The Agawam Chamber golf social is a business networking event open to all. All levels of players are welcome," Northup Vitro added.

The price per golfer is \$25 and includes green fees, cart, and refreshments and prizes. Space is limited to 60 golfers.

For more information or an application to play, call the Agawam Chamber at 413-787-1555.

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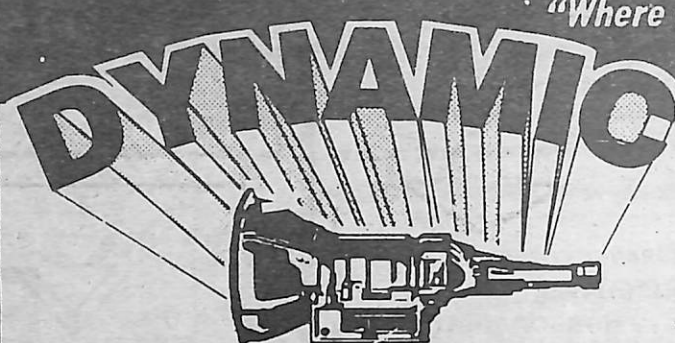


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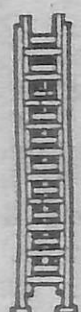
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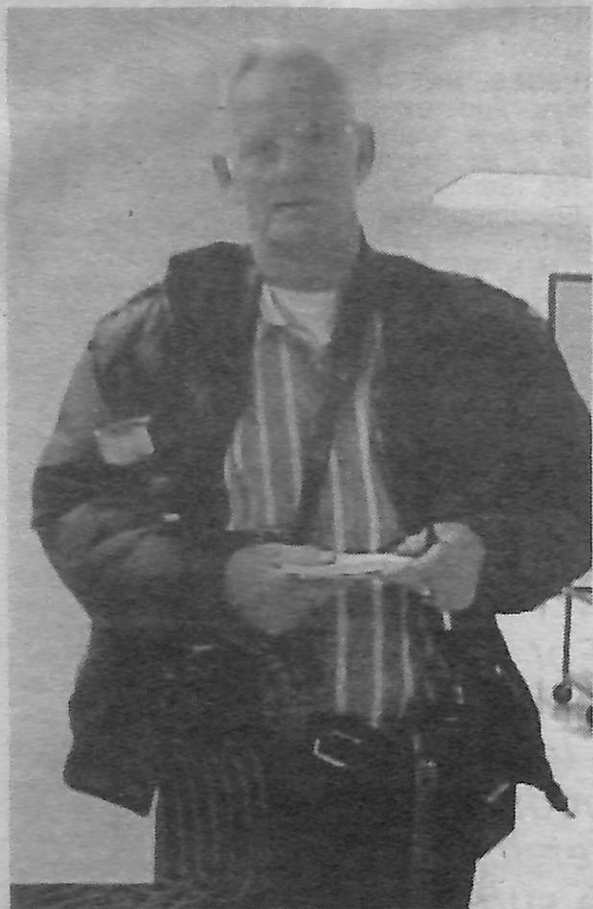
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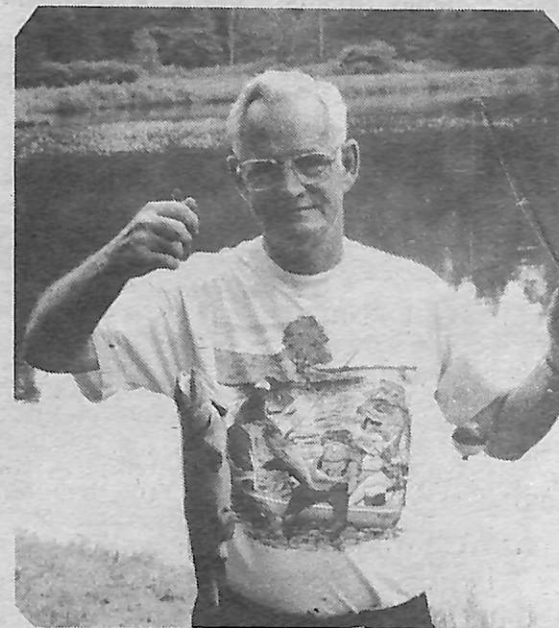
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## Message From The Superintendent

"... Those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" have gone too fast. Or have they?

Well, in terms of vacation they have. Ask any student! The first term of the 1999-2000 school year will be the last four months of this millennium. How privileged we are to experience a "new" millennium. How many people ever get that chance? For the most part, our everyday lives will not be affected — Y2K notwithstanding. However, in a very symbolic sense we will all become part of an historical "new beginning." It is in that spirit that we who are part of the Agawam Public Schools look forward to continuing our pursuit of excellence.

As I write this, we are one of a small number of school districts statewide who have been selected to be audited by the Department of Revenue. This is not a financial audit. It is an audit required under the Ed Reform Act of 1993 to see what progress we have made in implementing the provisions of Ed Reform. The audit itself will take about six to eight weeks and we would not expect a written report until December 1999. I am confident that our efforts in implementing Ed Reform will be positively acknowledged in this report.

Our plans for the upcoming school year include an intensive curriculum/instruction initiative. The written curriculum for all major areas is now in place. Our focus will now be on its delivery. A special mechanism is being developed to insure that the curriculum is in fact being taught. The tested curriculum will not only rely on MCAS, but will include the development of internal tests, which are patterned after MCAS. That means that the tests will be "criterion referenced." Simply put this means that the tests will directly correlate with objectives of the curriculum.

Our Professional Development Program for teachers will go into high gear. We now have a full-fledged program of offerings that will permit our teachers to receive the kind of training they need to more effectively deliver the curriculum. In line with this program, we are entering our second year of Mentoring for new teachers. We had a great deal of success last year with this program. As a result, our new teachers are linked with "mentor" teachers and will not have to go looking for help in procedures, etc., when they need it. Last year's new teachers had many positive comments to make about the program.

All the school facilities will open with a sparkle and a shine thanks to Mr. Albro and his able crew of maintenance and custodial personnel. The High School has seen a number of major improvements over the summer. The High School gymnasium has a beautiful new look. So does the auditorium. And the bathrooms on the first floor have been completely renovated. The career center, thanks to the generous donation from Riverside Park, has been expanded and has a wonderful, professional appearance.

I would like to address some of the ideas I have for communicating with the Agawam community this coming year. I will be hosting a 15-minute T.V. program each month. This program will be filmed in my office in a corner which I am designating the "Superintendent's Corner." I will be interviewing and talking with students, parents, teachers, administrators, and public officials. These programs will be aired on public access (Channel 15) a few times a month. The purpose of this program is to give you, the community, an insight to the various aspects of school department operation and the various constituencies we deal with. The first show was filmed on August 24th. My first guest was Mary Elizabeth Dupelle, the student representative to the School Committee. This tape was scheduled to be aired before the opening of school. The dates it will appear on Channel 15 will appear on the Community Bulletin Board. I hope you will tune into Channel 15 and keep up with the latest in what is happening in "your" schools.

Within the next few weeks, I will begin developing a brochure featuring the Agawam Public Schools. This brochure will be distributed to Real Estate firms in the area. It will be a public relations instrument that will serve many useful purposes. It will highlight the demographics of the school district, a financial thumbnail, academic programs, student services, and activities.

Its time has come ... the Agawam Public Schools now has its own web site. Those of you who are online with your computers can access the web site at the following URL (<http://www.Angelfire.com/ma/agawamschools/index.htm>). A number of links are currently under construction, but will be online within a month. Why don't you take a hit on the web site now and see the facelift that the High School gymnasium has received. Look for the link "PHOTO GALLERY" and click on "FACILITIES."

My first three years as your Superintendent have been very rewarding. I feel we have made tremendous progress in moving our system forward into the 21st century. We are on the cutting

edge. Now that I have established myself, I will be entering into the first year of my second term. I intend to visit each of our schools on a weekly basis. I am establishing a schedule of visitation times at each school each week. This schedule will be posted in each of our schools so that staff, students, and parents will know when to expect me. Moreover, I plan on meeting with parents more often.

The coming school year holds much promise. It is up to us to take advantage of the opportunities that come our way to make our schools better. As your educational leader, it is incumbent upon me to provide many of those opportunities. I fully intend to do so. I pledge to you my continued dedication to the improvement of our schools for the benefit of all of our children. I expect that you, as the Agawam community, will work with us to achieve our lofty goal of making the Agawam Public Schools the premiere school district in the region.

Yours in education,  
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**1999-2000**

**7:20 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.**  
**Agawam High School**

**7:58 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.**  
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182 school days (pupils)  
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5 inclement weather days



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September 2 — Schools Open  
September 6 — Labor Day  
October 11 — Columbus Day  
November 11 — Veterans' Day  
Nov. 25-26 — Thanksgiving Recess  
Dec. 23-31 — Winter Recess

January 3 — Schools Reopen  
January 17 — Martin Luther King Day  
February 21-25 — Mid-Winter Vacation  
April 17-21 — Spring Vacation  
April 21 — Good Friday  
May 29 — Memorial Day  
June 22 — Schools Close

# School Committee Members



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116 Granger Drive  
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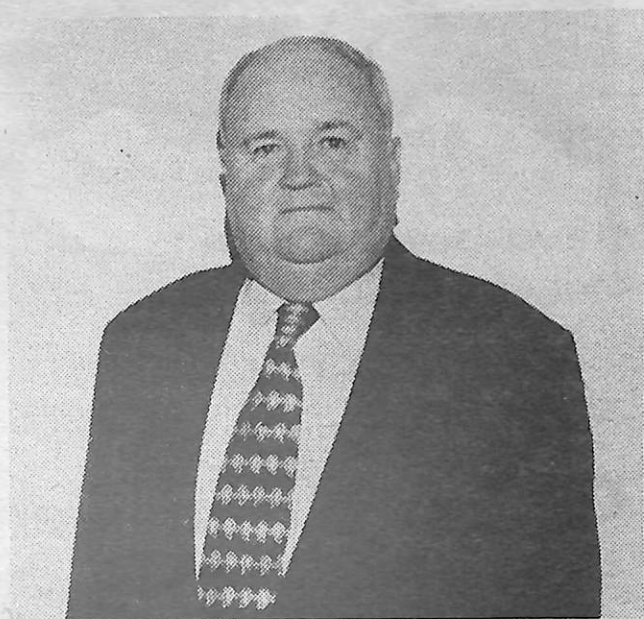
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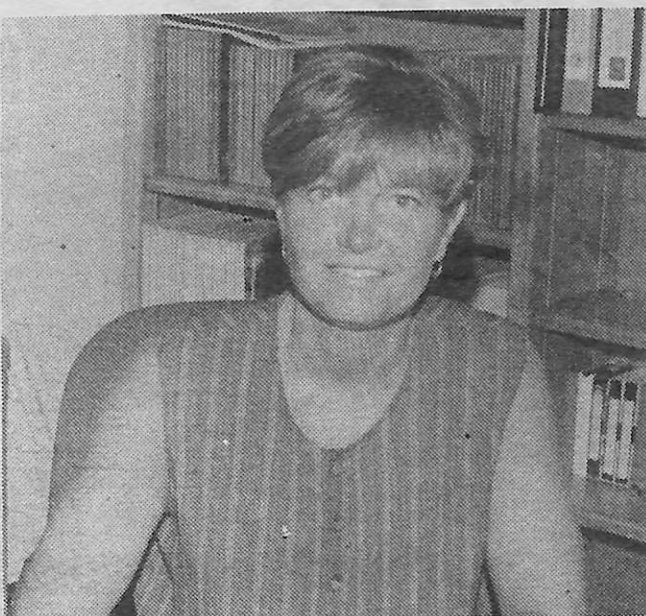
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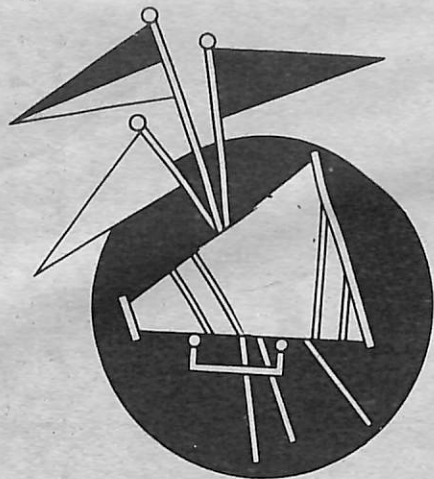
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## Main Telephone Numbers For The Agawam Schools

Business Office	821-0551
Clark School	821-0571
Granger School	821-0580
Junior High School	821-0542
Junior High School Guidance	821-0566
Middle School	789-1400
Phelps School	821-0586
Robinson Park School	821-0582
Senior High School	821-0530
Senior High School Guidance	821-0527
Special Services	821-0540





# Agawam Public Schools

## Agawam High School

760 Cooper Street  
Agawam, MA 01001



**Joseph S. Zabielski**  
Principal - Agawam High School  
821-0521



**Paul Cavallo**  
Deputy Principal - Agawam High School  
821-0522



**Bernadette Conte**  
Dean of Students - Agawam High School  
821-0523

## Agawam Junior High School

1305 Springfield Street  
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

## James Clark School

65 Oxford Street  
Agawam, MA 01001

## Clifford M. Granger School

31 South Westfield Street  
Feeding Hills, MA 01030



**Kevin C. Littlefield**  
Principal - Agawam Jr. High School  
821-0561



**Sandra M. Howard**  
Principal - James Clark School  
821-0576



**Phyllis M. Lewis**  
Principal - Clifford M. Granger School  
821-0581

## Agawam Middle School

100 Main Street  
Agawam, MA 01001

## Benjamin J. Phelps School

689 Main Street  
Agawam, MA 01001

## Robinson Park School

65 Begley Street  
Agawam, MA 01001



**Ralph A. Zavarella**  
Principal - Agawam Middle School  
789-1400, Ext. 448



**Robert M. Farrell**  
Principal - Benjamin J. Phelps School  
821-0587



**William P. Sapelli**  
Principal - Robinson Park School  
821-0584

**Kathleen Baker**Clerical Support  
821-0555**Theresa Landry**Accounts Payable & Transportation  
821-0554**Carolyn Landry**Payroll  
821-0549

## Immunizations Must Be Updated To Attend School

The School Immunization Law, a section of the General Laws, states that: "No child shall be admitted to school except on presentation of a physician's certificate that the child has been successfully immunized against Diphtheria, Pertussis (whooping cough), Tetanus, Mumps, Measles, Rubella, Poliomyelitis, and such other communicable diseases as may be specified from time to time by the Department of Public Health." Lead poisoning screening is also required.

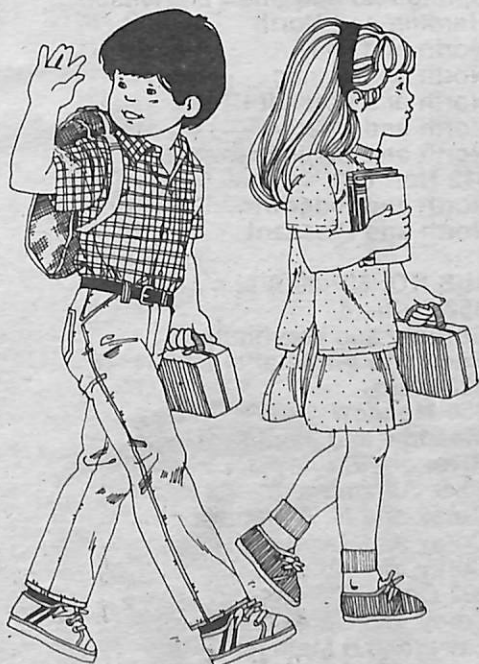
Our school nurses are actively trying to have the Agawam schools comply with the mandate by sending reminders to parents and guardians to update their children's immunizations during the summer months. It will be necessary to have all children fully immunized or in the process of immunization for attendance in school. The Health Department urges parents to take care of this requirement as soon as possible.

Please refer any questions to your school nurse, Department of Health office, or family physician.

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See AHS's athletic schedule for the fall 1999 season in our "Sports" section...

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**Alexis Ferioli**Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent  
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821-0570**Ann Zavarella**Secretary to the Deputy Superintendent  
821-0551

## Western Mass. Safe Kids Coalition Offers Back-To-School Safety Tips

Make sure you and your child receive an A-plus in back-to-school safety this year.

"Each back-to-school season, it's important for both parents and children to remember to review back-to-school safety," said Shirley LaRoche, R.N., coordinator of the Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition headquartered at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital.

LaRoche noted that during the summer, many children forget the safety lessons they have learned from previous years.

"Parents need to take an active role by teaching children and reviewing their own safety measures," she added.

Each year, approximately 7,000 children ages 14 and under are killed, and another 50,000 are permanently disabled by unintentional injury.

The Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition recommends doing your homework before your child goes back to school by reviewing the following important tips for back-to-school safety:

### Walking To School

- Choose the safest route with the fewest street crossings and walk the route with your children to familiarize them with it.

- Make sure your child knows to look left, right, and left again before attempting to cross the street.

- Teach your children not to enter the street from behind parked cars or from behind bushes or shrubs, and to cross at the corner or crosswalk by walking, not running.

- Warn children to be alert in bad weather since visibility is poor.

### School Bus Safety

"Many injuries occur when children are boarding or exiting a school bus because a blind spot extends approximately 10 feet in front of a bus,

obstructing the view of the driver. Children are not aware of the blind spot and may mistakenly believe if they can see the bus, the bus can see them," LaRoche said.

She noted that while waiting for the bus, children should:

- Stay out of the street and avoid fooling around.

- Cross at least 10 feet in front of the bus when boarding or exiting to avoid a blind spot that obstructs the view of the driver.

- Wait for parents on the same side of the street as the school bus loading/unloading zone.

While on the bus, children should:

- Remain seated, refrain from throwing objects, and keep their head and arms inside the bus at all times.

- Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before exiting.

- Exit from the front of the bus using the handrails to avoid falls.

### Driving Your Child To School

- Arrange to pick up your child at a safe spot away from the congestion of cars around the school.

- Drop off children as close to the school as possible so that they do not have to cross the street, and make sure they enter and leave the car on the curb side.

- Make sure you use child safety seats and/or safety belts correctly every time you ride.

Also, for children who are riding their bicycles to school, in accordance with the law, they should wear a helmet every time they ride. Children should not ride on the road without adult supervision until about the age of 10. And they should follow the rules of the road, LaRoche said.

For more information on Safe Kids or back-to-school safety, call LaRoche at 794-5434.

From Baystate Medical Center...

## Dealing With Separation Anxiety For Kindergartners On First Day Of School

Are you afraid that your child's first day of school will result in a hysterical outburst that you will not be able to control? You are not alone. This scene is repeated all across the country as kindergartners enter school for the very first time.

According to Susan Cary, M.D., a child psychiatrist at Baystate Medical Center, "crying scenes" are a major cause of back-to-school stress for parents and young students alike.

"Often times, parents become distressed because their children are leaving home alone for the first time to begin a new life at school. The children sense their parents' apprehension, and become distressed themselves," she said.

Dr. Cary also noted that children will resist going to school if they are nervous or unsure about what they will be doing there, or if they perceive that parents might let them stay home.

The following tips can help lessen the anxiety that parents and their children typically feel as the first day of school quickly approaches:

- Visit the school with your child before the big first day arrives.

- Visit your child's classroom or even just the school building if you can't get into the

classroom.

- Talk to your child's teacher on the first day of school and introduce your child to the teacher.

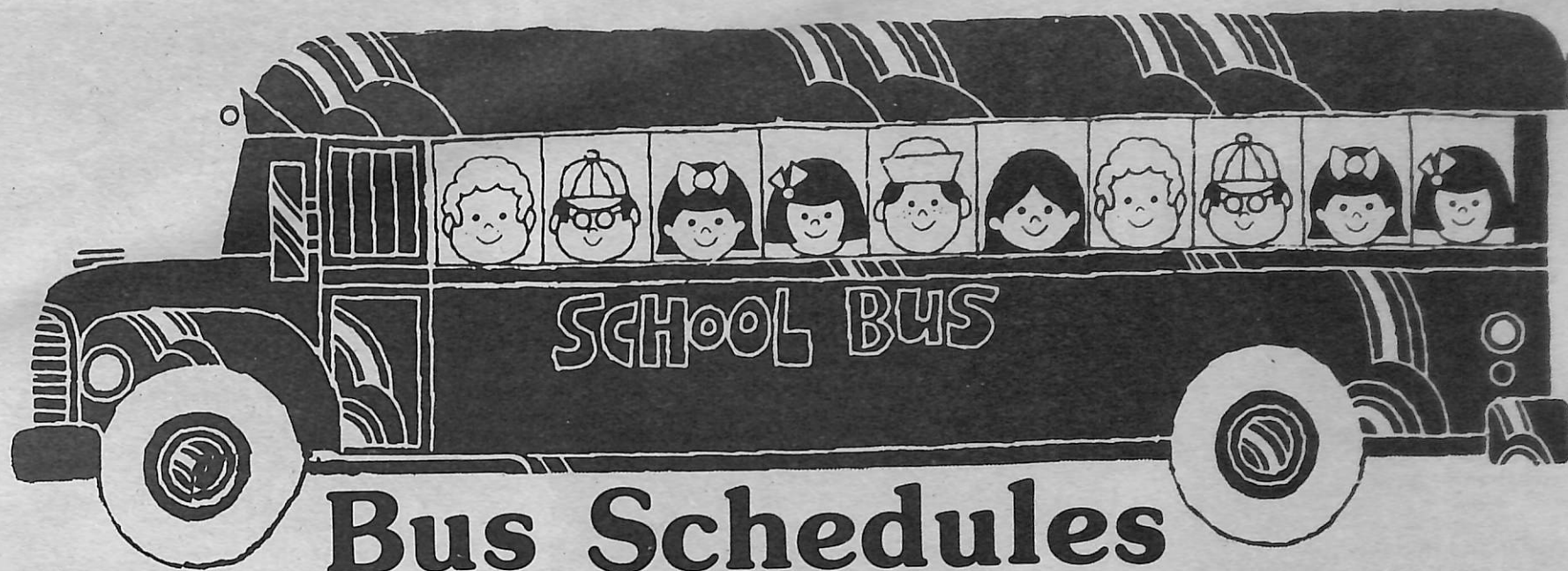
- Have your child talk to students in your neighborhood who already attend the school.

- Have an older sibling who already attends the school talk to your child about what to expect.

- Tell your child what time he or she will be home by. This is most effective if you choose a certain time that the young child can understand, such as, "You will be home by lunchtime."

Schoolteachers and psychologists can be helpful in keeping "anxious" first-time schoolgoers calm in the classroom, as it can be more of a problem if children are allowed to stay home, Dr. Cary noted. If a crisis occurs, a pediatrician or therapist can intervene to assist children in working through their issues.

"Having separation anxiety or feeling nervous is a normal developmental stage that children go through. Showing children their school and answering all of their questions before the school year begins will help to ease their anxiety and makes back-to-school time more enjoyable for both parent and child," Dr. Cary said.



### Agawam Senior High Bus Stops

**\* BUS NO. 1 (6:50 A.M.):**

595 North St.  
North and Wilbert  
N. Westfield and Thalia  
Oriole and Robin Ridge  
520 N. Westfield  
N. Westfield and Fox Farms  
N. Westfield and Clover Hill  
N. Westfield and Liswell

**\* BUS NO. 2 (6:50 A.M.):**

1225 Springfield St.  
Northwood and Springfield St.  
Northwood and Granger  
Northwood and Fordham  
Fordham and Cambridge  
N. Westfield and Anvil  
26 N. Westfield

**\* BUS NO. 3 (6:50 A.M.):**

71 N. West St.  
N. West and Karen Lynn  
363 N. West  
N. West and N. Street Ext.  
N. West and Cynthia  
735 N. West  
805 N. West  
926 N. West  
N. West and N. Westfield  
N. Westfield and Marlene  
1015 N. Westfield  
N. Westfield and Parkedge  
N. Westfield and Ridgeview  
791 N. Westfield  
N. Westfield and North St.

**\* BUS NO. 4 (6:57 A.M.):**

590 Suffield  
Suffield and Edgewater  
1010 Suffield  
Dolores and Suffield  
Suffield and Centerwood  
Suffield and Poinsetta  
Suffield and Anthony  
Suffield and Center

**\* BUS NO. 5 (6:50 A.M.):**

Silver and Doane  
Silver and Franklin St. Ext.  
Silver and Mountain View  
Silver and Vadrals  
Silver and Belden  
Silver and Castle Hill  
Silver and Pembroke  
Adams and Pineview  
Adams and Rosie  
Adams and Zachary  
Mill and Silver Lake

**\* BUS NO. 6 (6:45 A.M.):**

358 Southwick  
468 Southwick  
558 Southwick  
592 Southwick  
447 Southwick  
411 Southwick  
Carmel and S. West  
Southwick and Tina  
Southwick and Sunset

**\* BUS NO. 7 (6:50 A.M.):**

Main and Cooper  
Main and Parker  
Main and School  
School and Monroe  
School and Hearthstone  
School and Beverly  
235 School  
369 School  
490 School  
921 River  
River and Meadowbrook  
River and Clifton  
River and Glendale

**\* BUS NO. 8 (6:55 A.M.):**

Springfield and Columbus

North and Maynard

North and Oak

North and James

North and Cherry

Colemore and Jessica

**\* BUS NO. 9 (6:45 A.M.):**

204 Garden St.  
Garden and Memorial  
Garden and Orlando  
347 Poplar  
Poplar and Shoemaker  
Shoemaker and Cesan  
563 Shoemaker  
Shoemaker and Losito  
221 Shoemaker  
93 Shoemaker  
South and Deer Run (P.M. Only)  
South and Quail Hollow  
South and Cosgrove  
South and S. Brook  
197 South  
117 South  
Main and Kanawha  
1673 Suffield  
1629 Suffield  
1485 Suffield (Condos)

**\* BUS NO. 10 (6:50 A.M.):**

S. West and Shelly  
S. West and Wild Bill  
250 S. West  
335 S. West  
S. West and Red Fox  
S. West and White Fox  
S. West and Kathy Terr.  
S. West and Joanne Circle  
Pine and Spruce

**\* BUS NO. 12 (6:45 A.M.):**

S. Westfield and Hamar  
S. Westfield and Hendon  
408 S. Westfield  
S. Westfield and Bradford  
Barry and Oakmont  
Barry and Pine  
Barry and Cricket/Oak Ridge  
Barry and Christopher  
471 Barry

**\* BUS NO. 13 (6:50 A.M.):**

Main and Reed  
Main and Federal  
420 Main St.  
28 Meadow  
324 Meadow  
418 Meadow  
Meadow and Editha  
River and Barney  
Alhambra and River  
Corey and Janelle  
202 Corey  
Corey and Corey Colonial  
32 Edward

**\* BUS NO. 14 (7:00 A.M.):**

Walnut and Dwight  
Maple and Walnut  
Maple and Bridge  
Maple and Mulberry  
Maple and Spencer  
Rowley and Royal

**\* BUS NO. 15 (6:50 A.M.):**

Leonard and Debra  
Leonard and Danny  
River and Channell  
River and Florida  
River and Chestnut  
River and Lawnwood  
River and Shady Lane  
River and Deering  
River and Riviera  
1278 Main  
1242 Main  
Main and Charles  
Main and Melrose  
Main and Elm

### Agawam Junior High Bus Stops

**\* BUS NO. 1 (7:25 A.M.):**

North St. Ext. and Belmont  
North St. Ext. and Juniper Ridge  
North St. Ext. and Kosciusko  
North St. Ext. and Stoney Hill  
358 N. West St.  
210 N. West St.  
N. West and Karen Lynn  
71 N. West

**\* BUS NO. 2 (7:20 A.M.):**

668 N. West  
682 N. West  
735 N. West  
776 N. West  
805 N. West  
926 N. West  
1034 N. West and Peterson  
N. West St. and N. Westfield  
N. Westfield and Marlene  
1015 N. Westfield  
N. Westfield and Parkedge  
791 N. Westfield  
N. Westfield and Allison  
Robin Ridge and Parkview  
Parkview and Thalia  
520 N. Westfield  
Strawberry Hill and Fieldstone  
Valleybrook and Forest Hill  
Clover Hill and Valleybrook  
N. Westfield and New York

**\* BUS NO. 3 (7:30 A.M.):**

Suffield and Edgewater  
Adams and Rosie  
Adams and Pineview  
Adams and Main  
Main and Melrose (P.M. Only)  
1098 Main  
Main and Walters Way  
1278 Main  
1369 Main  
South and Main  
117 South  
South and Southbrook  
South and Cosgrove  
South and Quail Hollow  
267 Shoemaker  
Shoemaker and Losito  
563 Shoemaker  
Shoemaker and Cesan

**\* BUS NO. 4 (7:25 A.M.):**

Springfield and Mooreland  
Springfield and Sheri Ln./Wilson  
Harding and North  
North and Oak  
North and James  
North and Letendre  
North and Cherry  
North and Colemore  
612 North St.  
North and Ridgeway  
North and Pleasant

**\* BUS NO. 5 (7:20 A.M.):**

352 Suffield  
Suffield and Washington  
Reed and Virginia  
420 Main  
359 Meadow  
Meadow and James  
River and Barney  
25 S. Alhambra  
Corey and N. Alhambra  
Corey and Janelle  
Corey and Alexander  
202 Corey  
Corey and Corey Colonial  
Edward and Main

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## BUS ROUTES - from Page 8a...

## \* BUS NO. 6 (7:20 A.M.):

Adams and Zachary  
Adams and Richardson  
Fernwood and Arbor  
Fernwood and Hunting  
Fernwood and Centerwood  
Silver and Porter  
Silver and Franklin St. Ext.  
Silver and Doane  
Garden and Memorial  
Garden and Orlando  
Poplar and Rising

## \* BUS NO. 8 (7:15 A.M.):

358 Southwick  
468 Southwick  
411 Southwick  
Southwick and Carmel  
S. West and Shelly  
S. West and Kosak  
123 S. West  
250 S. West  
S. West and Red Fox  
S. West and White Fox  
Barry and Pine  
Pine and Spruce  
1 Pine

## \* BUS NO. 10 (7:35 A.M.):

Springfield and Shibley Court  
Springfield and Kristen  
Springfield and Rowley  
Walnut and Springfield  
216 Walnut  
Walnut and Maple  
Maple and Bridge  
Maple and Moore  
Maple and Spencer

## \* BUS NO. 12 (7:20 A.M.):

School and Main  
School and Monroe  
School and Hearthstone  
343 School  
School and River  
921 River  
River and Meadowbrook  
River and Clifton  
River and Glendale  
Leonard and Danny  
Leonard and Roberta  
Leonard and Katherine  
Leonard and Main  
Silver and Pembroke  
Silver and Castle Hill Condos

## \* BUS NO. 14 (7:25 A.M.):

Cooper and Karen  
Cooper and Tracy  
Cooper and Senator 1st  
Cooper and Senator 2nd  
Cooper and Federal  
Cooper and Federal Ave.  
Main and Parker  
Mill and Clematis  
590 Suffield  
Suffield and Anthony  
Suffield and Valentine  
352 Suffield  
Cooper and Greenacre  
Cooper and Brien  
Line and Mill  
Line and Jamie

## \* BUS NO. 15 (7:20 A.M.):

Mill and Family Lane  
Mill and Silver Lake  
Elm and Silver  
214 Elm  
130 Elm  
River and Channell  
River and Florida  
River and Shady Lane  
River and Deering  
River and Riviera  
Main and Woodcliff  
Main and Kanawha  
Suffield and Longbrook Est.  
1341 Suffield  
1311 Suffield  
1215 Suffield  
Suffield and Dolores

## \* BUS NO. 16 (7:25 A.M.):

S. West and Kathy Terr.  
S. West and Joanne  
S. West and Denise  
471 Barry  
380 Barry  
Barry and Christopher Ln.  
166 Barry  
151 Barry  
S. Westfield and Bradford

## \* BUS NO. 3 (8:00 A.M.):

35 N. Westfield  
55 N. Westfield  
N. Westfield and Blacksmith  
315 N. Westfield  
North St. Ext. and Belmont  
North St. Ext. and Juniper Ridge  
North St. Ext. and Kosciusko  
1156 North St. Ext.  
North St. Ext. and Stony Hill  
358 North West  
210 North West  
North West and Karen Lynn  
170 North West  
76 North West  
Southwick and Tina Ln.  
Southwick & Hope Farms/Sunset  
Springfield and Belvidere  
Mill and Norris  
537 Mill  
Mill and Franklin

## \* BUS NO. 5 (8:00 A.M.):

Springfield and Rhodes  
Springfield and Kensington  
Springfield and Franklin  
Springfield and Mooreland  
Springfield and Letendre  
Springfield and Shibley Crt.  
Line and Sequoia  
Line and Jamie  
Line and Mill  
Cooper and Karen  
Cooper and Tracy

## \* BUS NO. 6 (7:55 A.M.):

S. Westfield and Hamar  
Hendom and Hickory  
Elmar and Beech  
1 Pine St.  
Pine and Spruce  
360 Pine  
422 Pine  
467 Pine  
Barry and Cricket/Oak Ridge  
Barry and Christopher  
373 Barry  
1068 Shoemaker  
Shoemaker and Cesan  
915 Shoemaker  
619 Shoemaker  
Shoemaker and Losito

## \* BUS NO. 7 (7:55 A.M.):

Poplar and Henry  
Poplar and Memorial  
Poplar and Rising  
N. Westfield and Liswell  
North and Elizabeth  
North and Sylvan  
North and Nolan (P.M. Only)  
North and Wilbert  
612 North  
505 North  
Colemore and Cherry  
Cherry and North  
North and Barberry  
North and Homer  
North and James  
North and Oak Lane  
North and Harding  
North and Maynard

## \* BUS NO. 9 (7:55 A.M.):

Main and Lealand  
School and Main  
School and Monroe  
School and Hearthstone  
343 School  
385 School  
480 School  
401 School  
921 River  
875 River  
River and Meadowbrook  
River and Clifton  
River and Glendale  
Main and Central  
743 Suffield  
Suffield and Mill  
Suffield and Poinsetta  
Suffield and Valentine  
352 Suffield

## \* BUS NO. 10 (8:00 A.M.):

N. Westfield and Kellogg  
N. Westfield and Anvil  
Yale and Cambridge  
Fordham and Northwood  
Northwood and Granger  
Garden and Gary  
Garden and Memorial  
Silver and Franklin St. Ext.  
Silver and Mountainview  
Silver and Porter  
318 Silver  
Silver and Belden  
Silver and Castle Hill Condos  
Silver and Pembroke  
Silver and Elm  
181/159 Elm

## \* BUS NO. 11 (8:00 A.M.):

1026 Suffield  
1215 Suffield  
1341 Suffield  
South and Quail Hollow  
South and Cosgrove  
South and S. Brook  
24 South  
1307 Main  
1278 Main  
Main and Walters Way  
Main and Charles  
Main and Forest Ridge  
1098 Main  
Main and Melrose  
Adams and Main  
Adams and Pineview  
Adams and Butternut  
Adams and Faymore  
372 Adams  
Suffield and Dolores  
Suffield and Calico  
Suffield and Edgewater  
Mill and Silver Lake  
Mill and Family

## \* BUS NO. 12 (7:55 A.M.):

466 N. West St.  
N. West and Cynthia  
735 N. West  
788 N. West  
926 N. West  
N. West St. and Peterson  
1089 N. Westfield St.  
1101 N. Westfield  
N. Westfield and Marlene  
N. Westfield and Parkedge  
819 N. Westfield  
765 N. Westfield  
N. Westfield and Provin Mt.  
N. Westfield and Allison  
Parkview and Robin Ridge  
Parkview and N. Westfield  
536 N. Westfield  
Strawberry Hill and Fieldstone  
Valley Brook and Forest Hill  
Forest Hill and Clover Hill  
Clover Hill and Valley Brook  
374/379 N. Westfield

## \* BUS NO. 13 (7:50 A.M.):

558 Southwick  
662 Southwick  
675 Southwick  
387 Southwick  
South West and Shelley  
South West and Pheasant Hill  
South West and Kosak Cir.  
202 South West  
319 South West  
South West and Red Fox  
South West and White Fox  
South West and Kathy  
South West and Joanne  
Barbara and Barry  
Barry and Sharon  
South West and Denise  
587 Barry  
131 Barry  
Barry and Oakmont  
South Westfield and Bradford

## \* BUS NO. 14 (8:00 A.M.):

Cooper and Main St.  
420 Main St.  
105 Meadow  
324 Meadow  
369 Meadow  
Meadow and James  
Meadow and Editha  
River and Sterling/Barney  
25 S. Alhambra  
S. Alhambra and Corey  
Corey and Janelle  
Corey and Alexander  
196 Corey  
Corey and Corey Colonial  
Edward and Main

## \* BUS NO. 15 (8:00 A.M.):

Main and Wright  
Main and Leonard  
21 Leonard  
Leonard and Katherine  
Leonard and Peros  
Leonard and Danny  
River and Channell  
River and Florida  
River and Chestnut  
River and Lawnwood  
River and Dartmouth  
River and Deering  
River and Riviera  
Main and Woodcliff  
1720 Main St.  
1777 Main  
1629 Suffield St.  
Suffield and Longbrook Est.  
Fernwood and Hunting  
Fernwood and Centerwood



## BUS ROUTES - from Page 9a...

# Clark School Kindergarten Drop-Off

9:10-11:45

(Drop-off to begin at approx. 11:50)

25 Shoemaker Ln.  
Poplar and Rising  
Garden and Gary  
49 Memorial  
Mill and Rhodes  
Mill and Norris  
Mill and Giffin  
Line and Sequoia  
161 Line  
Mill and Silver Lake  
224 Silver  
394/404 Silver St.  
889 Suffield  
943 Suffield  
Suffield and Dolores  
Adams and Zachary  
Adams and Richardson  
Adams and Faymore  
18 Rosie (Midday Only)  
1291 Suffield

# Clark School Kindergarten Pick-Up

12:45-3:20

(Pick-up to begin at approx. 12:15)

Suffield & Longbook Est.  
Main and Woodcliff  
River and Riviera  
River and Channell  
River and So. Florida (Mid Only)  
River and Chestnut  
River and Lawnwood  
143 River  
1336 Main  
1327 Main  
Main and Charles  
Main and Forest Ridge  
Adams and Ridge  
Adams and Pineview  
201 Adams  
375 South  
South and Deer Run

# Clark School Bus Stops

- \* **BUS NO. 2 (8:45 A.M.):**  
184 Poplar  
49 Memorial (A.M. Only)  
Garden and Orlando  
374 Poplar  
Poplar and Rising  
955 Shoemaker  
Shoemaker & Cesan  
915 Shoemaker  
619 Shoemaker  
525 Shoemaker  
Shoemaker and Losito  
267 Shoemaker  
27 Shoemaker
- \* **BUS NO. 5 (8:35 A.M.):**  
Mill and Lincoln  
Mill and Franklin  
Mill and Giffin (A.M. Only)  
Mill and Kensington  
Mill and Norris  
Mill and William  
695 Mill  
659 Mill  
529 Mill  
491 Mill  
Suffield and Edgewater  
794 Suffield  
Centerwood & Suffield (A.M. Only)  
Fernwood and Conifer  
Conifer and Butternut  
Butternut and Hunting  
Butternut and Arbor  
Butternut & Faymore (A.M. Only)  
1329 Suffield
- \* **BUS NO. 6 (8:30 A.M.):**  
1336 Main (P.M. Only)  
1327 Main (P.M. Only)  
Main and Barden  
Main and Trinity  
Main and Alfred  
1158 Main  
Main and Forest Ridge  
Main and Bailey  
1068 Main  
1039 Main  
Adams and Ridge  
Adams and Pineview  
Adams and Mallard (A.M. Only)  
Adams and Rosie (A.M. Only)  
Adams and Richardson  
Adams and Zachary

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- \* **BUS NO. 8 (8:40 A.M.):**  
Main and Kanawha  
Main and Woodcliff  
1291 Suffield (A.M. Only)  
1215 Suffield  
Suffield and Dolores  
Silver and Beldon  
Silver and Porter  
393/394 Silver  
Silver and Mountainview  
Silver and Franklin St. Ext.  
Silver and Doane  
777 Silver  
811 Silver  
845 Silver
- \* **BUS NO. 11 (8:35 A.M.):**  
River and Riviera  
River and Dartmouth  
164 River  
220 River  
36 Danny  
507 River  
491 River  
River and Channell  
River and Campbell  
River and Florida  
River and Chestnut  
River and Lawnwood  
River and Shady Ln.  
24 South  
South and S. Brook
- \* **BUS NO. 13 (8:30 A.M.):**  
63 Poplar  
Poplar and Henry  
Springfield and Rhodes  
Springfield and Highland  
Springfield and Franklin  
Springfield and Mooreland  
Line and Sequoia  
Line and Jamie  
Mill and Family Lane  
Mill and Silver Lake  
124 Mill  
111 Mill  
94 Mill  
733 Suffield  
Suffield and Longbrook Est.

# Granger School Kindergarten Drop-Off

8:35-11:00

(Drop-off to begin at approx. 11:05)

Hendom and Apolonia  
Hendom and Tamarack  
Tamarack and Elmar  
Elmar and Paul Revere  
Paul Revere and Independence  
Paul Revere and Pheasant Hill  
So. West and Kosak  
So. West and Red Fox  
So. West and White Fox  
620 So. West  
So. West and Kathy  
So. West and Joanne  
Barbara and Barry  
Barry and Sharon Ln.  
Denise and So. West  
579 Barry  
538 Barry  
Barry and Christopher  
Barry and Oak Ridge  
195 Barry  
Barry and Oakmont

# Granger School Kindergarten Pick-Up

12:10-2:45

(Pick-up to begin at approx. 11:35)

Springfield and Amherst Ave.  
Springfield and Franklin  
Ralph and Cherry  
Colemore and Hasting  
Springfield and Belvidere  
Northwood and Springfield  
Northwood and Granger  
Vasar and Princeton  
89 Fordham  
13 Kellogg  
N. Westfield and Anvil  
358 N. West  
214 N. West  
N. West and Karen Lynn  
Southwick and Tina Ln.  
Michael and Charter Oak  
Southwick and Sunset

# Granger School Bus Stops

- \* **BUS NO. 1 (8:00 A.M.):**  
17 N. West  
71 N. West  
170 N. West  
N. West and Karen Lynn

214 N. West (P.M. Only)  
327 N. West  
358 N. West  
North St. Ext. and Juniper Ridge  
North St. and Tom St.  
187 Colemore St.  
Colemore and Jessica  
Colemore and Horsham  
Colemore and Witheridge  
Colemore and Hasting  
Colemore and Greenock  
976 Springfield St.

- \* **BUS NO. 2 (8:00 A.M.):**  
385 S. Westfield  
408 S. Westfield  
S. Westfield and Bradford  
873 S. Westfield  
932 S. Westfield  
126 Barry  
Barry and Oakmont  
195 Barry  
248 Barry  
Tiny Turtle Day Care  
Barry and Oak Ridge/Cricket  
Barry and Christopher  
Barry and Dutchmaster  
Barry and Spear Farm  
380 Barry  
443 Barry  
538 Barry (A.M. Only)  
579 Barry  
759 S. West  
S. West and Denise  
796 S. West  
819 S. West  
861 S. West  
781 S. West
- \* **BUS NO. 4 (8:05 A.M.):**  
260 Southwick  
304 Southwick  
444 Southwick  
662 Southwick  
447 Southwick  
387 Southwick  
Southwick and Carmel  
6 S. West  
50 S. West  
S. West and Wild Bill  
202 S. West  
620 S. West (A.M. Only)  
630 S. West  
S. West and Kathy Terr.  
S. West and Joanne  
Joanne and Barbara  
67 Barbara  
Barbara and Barry  
Barry and Sharon
- \* **BUS NO. 8 (7:55 A.M.):**  
1 Pine St.  
Pine and Spruce  
230 Pine  
384 Pine  
422 Pine  
467 Pine  
S. West and White Fox  
S. West and Red Fox  
319 S. West  
291 S. West  
253 S. West  
67 S. West  
295 Southwick  
281 Southwick  
901 Springfield St. (Kid's Place)  
Springfield and Amherst  
Springfield and Franklin



# Phelps School Kindergarten Drop-Off

9:10-11:45

(Drop-off to begin at approx. 11:50)

57 Meadow  
94 Meadow  
Meadow and James  
Meadow and Editha  
River and Sterling  
School and Plantation  
School and Hearthstone  
100 School  
79 Corey  
Corey and Janelle

**BUS ROUTES - from Page 10a...**

N. Alhambra and S. Alhambra Cir.  
37 Simpson  
Meadowbrook and Simpson  
41 Western  
River and Glendale  
Leonard and Peros  
Leonard and Katherine

### Phelps School Kindergarten Pick-Up

12:45-3:20

(Pick-up to begin at approx. 12:25)

212 Elm St.  
Castle Hill Condos (Silver)  
Suffield and Valentine  
Virginia and Reed  
32 Federal  
Cooper and Yarmouth  
Willowbrook and Wrenwood  
Cooper and Karen  
Country and Barn Rd.  
331 Cooper  
Cooper and Cardinal  
Cooper and Belle  
Cooper and 2nd Senator  
Cooper and Federal St. Ext.  
Cooper and Federal Ave.  
Main and Harvey Johnson

### Phelps School Bus Stops

\* **BUS NO. 1 (8:40 A.M.):**

13 Barn  
Barn and Country  
56 Country  
Greenacre and Homestead  
30 Greenacre  
Cooper and Brien St.  
Cooper and Lancaster  
Cooper and Yarmouth  
Willowbrook and Wrenwood  
Cooper and Karen  
Cooper and Tracy  
Cooper and Cardinal  
Cooper and Senator 1st  
Cooper and Belle (P.M. Only)  
Cooper and Senator 2nd  
Cooper and Federal St. Ext.  
Cooper and Fairview (P.M. Only)  
39 Cooper  
Cooper and Federal Ave.

\* **BUS NO. 10 (8:40 A.M.):**

Corey & Corey Colonial (Condos)  
79 Corey (A.M. Only)  
206 Corey  
Corey and Alexander  
Corey and Janelle  
476 Corey  
Corey and N. Alhambra  
25 S. Alhambra  
River and Seymour  
921 River Rd.  
875 River Rd.  
37 Simpson (A.M. Only)  
49 Simpson Cir.  
Meadowbrook and Simpson  
41 Western (A.M. Only)  
480 School  
343 School  
School and Beverly  
School and Plantation  
School and Hearthstone  
184 School  
149 School

\* **BUS NO. 14 (8:30 A.M.):**

14 Reed  
Reed and Vernon  
Reed and Potomac  
Virginia and Suffield  
352 Suffield  
Suffield and Mansion Woods  
636 Suffield  
87 Perry Lane  
33 Perry Lane  
Silver and Castle Hill Condos  
743 Suffield St.  
709 Suffield St.  
Suffield and Poinsetta  
20 Anthony  
Samuel and Anthony  
Valentine and Clematis  
Clematis and Althea  
Suffield and Center

\* **BUS NO. 15 (8:40 A.M.):**

31 Federal St.  
Federal and Prince  
420 Main  
Main and Harvey Johnson (A.M. Only)  
Harvey Johnson & Federal Ave. (P.M. Only)  
57 Meadow (A.M. Only)  
94 Meadow (A.M. Only)  
105 Meadow  
194 Meadow  
359 Meadow  
418 Meadow (Heritage Village)

Meadow and Joseph

Meadow and Editha

River and Barney

River and Sterling

\* **BUS NO. 16 (8:40 A.M.):**

Silver and Pembroke

Silver and Elm

159 Elm

126 Elm

Merrell and Western

Clifton and Western

River and Glendale

River and Warren

Leonard and River (P.M. Only)

Leonard and Danny

Leonard and Roberta

Leonard and Debra

Leonard and Katherine

190 Leonard (A.M. Only)



### Robinson Park Kindergarten Drop-Off

9:10-11:45

(Drop-off to begin at approx. 11:48)

North & Grant St.  
North & Maynard St.  
North & Arnold St.  
North & James St.  
377 North St.  
North & Pleasant St.  
North St. Ext. & Kosciusko Ave.  
North West & Peterson Circle  
North Westfield & Marlene St.  
North Westfield & Parkedge Dr.  
Robin Ridge & Oriole Dr.  
92 Parkview Dr.  
40 Thalia Dr.  
28 Fox Farm Rd.  
70 Strawberry Hill Rd.  
26 Forest Hill Rd.  
Springfield & Broz (Sandcastles)  
Springfield & Norman Terr.  
Springfield & Day St.

### Robinson Park Kindergarten Pick-Up

12:45-3:20

(Pick-up to begin at approx. 12:30)

Springfield & Sheri Ln.  
Springfield & Rowley  
Maple & Oak Hill Ave.  
Moore & Howard  
Moore & High St.  
River & King St.  
Walnut & Cooley St.  
134 Walnut St.  
Walnut & Dwight St.  
Walnut & Winthrop

### Robinson Park Bus Stops

\* **BUS NO. 3 (8:30 A.M.):**

North St. Ext. & Belmont  
989 North St. Ext.  
1004 North St. Ext.  
1067 North St. Ext.  
North St. Ext. & Kosciusko  
1165 North St. Ext.  
North St. Ext. and Stony Hill  
466 N. West  
482 N. West  
594 N. West  
682 N. West  
736 N. West  
747 N. West  
788 N. West  
926 N. West

\* **BUS NO. 4 (8:45 A.M.):**

North and Cherry  
North and Barberry  
North and Letendre  
377 North  
North and James  
North and Oak/Arnold  
North and Cleveland

North and McKinley

North and Taft

North and Wilson

North and Harding

North and Maynard

\* **BUS NO. 7 (8:30 A.M.):**

840 North

North and Pleasant

Robin Ridge and Oriole

Robin Ridge and Pleasant Valley

Pleasant Valley and Beech Hill

Pleasant Valley and High Meadow

Robin Ridge and Beech Hill

Parkview and Carol

Parkview and Thalia

40 Thalia

19 Briar

Fox Farm and Strawberry Hill

Strawberry Hill and Fieldstone

Valley Brook and Forest Hill

Forest Hill and Clover Hill

Clover Hill and Valley Brook

\* **BUS NO. 9 (8:25 A.M.):**

374 N. Westfield

536 N. Westfield

578 N. Westfield (A.M. Only)

604 N. Westfield

694 N. Westfield (P.M. Only)

726 N. Westfield

1101 N. Westfield

1089 N. Westfield

N. Westfield and Marlene

1023 N. Westfield

985 N. Westfield

N. Westfield and Parkedge

819 N. Westfield

765 N. Westfield

733 N. Westfield

N. Westfield and Provin Mt.

N. Westfield and Allison

469 N. Westfield

N. Westfield and New York

\* **BUS NO. 12 (8:35 A.M.):**

Springfield and Kristen

Springfield and Day

Springfield and Shibley Ct.

Springfield and Broz Terr.

Homer and Gale

378 North

North and Nolan

Wilbert and Audubon

Audubon and Ridgeway

Acorn and Sylvan

505 North St.

## Information On The Bus Schedules

No route adjustments will occur during the **FIRST TWO WEEKS** of school unless the school department determines an emergency exists.

The times listed for the buses are the times the routes **begin**.

Late runs four days at each school (Middle, Jr. High, and Sr. High) are scheduled to begin in mid-September. Days at each school and the routes will be published in each school building.

In order to help you, the school department has requested that all bus inquiries must be directed to Terry Landry at the school business office. The telephone number is **821-0554**.





AHS PRINCIPAL JOSEPH S. ZABIELSKI

## A Letter To The Class Of 2000

### Dear Seniors:

As seniors, this is your year; the culminating experience of many years of public education that started in childhood and ends in emerging adulthood.

This is a special year for you - one of memories and challenges, and achievements and decision. As your principal, I am looking forward to working with you in anticipation of this very important year.

I do not have to tell you about the special role that seniors play in any high school. This is especially true here, where the senior tradition is strong. You are the leaders of this school. People look up to you; they look to you to set the tone and to provide the driving force that builds "spirit."

Your maturity and attitude can definitely impact the type of year we will have. Knowing this, I ask you to join me in a partnership to lead our school to new heights in achievement. Together, we can make this a great school year.

Being realistic, I must caution you. Do not pursue a path that will prevent you from receiving your diploma in June. The greatest threat to realizing this goal will be overconfidence and the false sense of security that comes from thinking that it can't happen to me. Believe me, it can.

This year, strive for the best. Use drive, determination, and self-discipline to excel. Through teamwork, let us join together to meet the challenges of your senior year successfully.

Sincerely,

Joseph S. Zabielski

Principal - Agawam High School

## Briefs From Agawam High

(Submitted by Joseph S. Zabielski, Principal)

### THE SPIRIT OF EDUCATION

It is important for the entire community to understand that there is a definite purpose and a wide range of expectations that embody the heart and soul of the High School. The entire staff is committed to the fulfillment of the following:

#### Statement Of Purpose Of Agawam High School

Agawam High School, in partnership with the community, promotes the intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development of its students to prepare them for a productive and fulfilling life. A wide variety of quality instructional programs as well as a safe, secure learning environment based on respect and responsibility will be offered. Students will be encouraged to develop high academic, personal, and social standards in order to acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to become self-reliant citizens in an ever-changing world.

#### Expectations For Student Performance

##### Academic Expectations

Agawam High School students will:

- read a wide variety of literary works relating to human aspirations and life experience.
- develop listening skills to process information effectively and value oral expression.
- analyze what they read, hear, and write.
- communicate through oral, written, artistic, and other means of expression.
- be encouraged to communicate effectively in at least one language other than English.
- understand and appreciate the richness of American culture and the values and the achievements of other cultures in the global community.
- demonstrate a proficiency in the use of basic laboratory equipment to gather and analyze data in the formation of relationships to draw appropriate conclusions.

- integrate mathematical and scientific skills and concepts in order to apply them to human concerns and life experiences.

- be able to apply current technologies to academic as well as pragmatic applications.

- recognize the major political, social, economic, and historical forces and events that have forged the past and present world.

- identify the individuals and groups of individuals who have played a significant role in the development of society.

- develop personal health habits, including regular physical exercise that enhance their own physical and emotional growth that they will utilize throughout life.

- learn the basic concepts of sexuality, parenting, disease prevention, nutrition, human development, and mental health so that they understand the implication of healthy habits for self and society.

- be exposed to the arts for personal growth and enjoyment through student display and performance.

- be exposed to the creative process within the arts and be taught their importance in shaping and reflecting historical and cultural heritage.

#### Social Expectations

Agawam High School students will:

- respect peers, teachers, staff, and school property.

- respect individual differences such as gender, ability, sexual identity, ethnicity, culture, and language.

- recognize when, where, and how to seek help and support services.

- use appropriate methods to resolve conflicts and disagreements.

- be encouraged to become involved citizens in school, local, and global activities.

- have an opportunity to influence decisions on school policy.

- manage personal time and balance competing priorities and interests.

- recognize the need for rules, regulations, and accountability.

#### Expectations For School Performance

Agawam High School will:

- provide a safe, secure, and healthy environment.

- provide a diverse and stimulating curriculum which includes opportunities for cross-curriculum learning.

- update and maintain equipment and learning materials.

- provide up-to-date library materials and a media center equipped with state-of-the-art technology.

- provide a schedule which allows sufficient time and a sufficient place for various school activities.

- provide sufficient faculty to implement student goals and expectations.

- provide teacher professional development to meet the changing needs of the school and its students.

- provide opportunities for constant curriculum revision.

- enforce discipline fairly.

- encourage students to deal with real life situations.

- involve students in school governance.

- provide a support service for student harassment.

- provide clubs, activities, counseling, and courses that encourage student sensitivity to diversity.

- expand student awareness of career opportunities.

- provide the opportunity for more standardized testing.

- provide SAT preparation and test-taking courses.

- communicate more efficiently within the school and community.

- acknowledge student and staff achievement.

#### STAFFING

Many new and capable educators have been added to the professional staff at Agawam High School. This is due to retirements and a commitment to reducing class size. One social studies teacher, two English teachers, two math teachers, two science teachers, one physical education teacher, one special education teacher, and one foreign language teacher have been added to the staff. A new library media specialist and assistant library specialist have also been added.

The quality of those hired is very good. The addition of these talented people is going to result in many positive achievements for the high school.

#### THE PHYSICAL PLANT

The library, auditorium, eight classrooms, and the gymnasium have been repainted. The gymnasium, auditorium, guidance office, career center, and several bathrooms have been remodeled. A new and efficient telephone/intercom system should be on line for the start of the school year. New lockers in the gymnasium have gone out to bid.

It is quite evident that the city's political and educational leaders are strongly committed to the advancement of education in Agawam.

### SCHOOL CLIMATE

A new software program has been purchased to bring the automated phone system attendance program back on line to inform parents or guardians of student absenteeism and tardiness. Last year's software changes eliminated the use of the automated phone system that was designed to do this.

The administration of the High School is quite proud to resume this service for parents. We are also proud of the fact that the school has one of the lowest tardiness rates in the area and one of the highest attendance rates for a school that is 1,250 or more.

A new smoking policy will be launched by the School Committee, Board of Health, Town Council, and the High School administration. Any individual found smoking in school buildings and/or on school grounds will be subjected to a fine. Any student failing to pay the fine may be subject to further disciplinary consequences as outstanding financial obligation may accrue.

The purpose of the new policy is designed to improve the health and safety of students and others.

Substance abuse is a problem that all high schools have to contend with. Unfortunately, hundreds of students in Agawam High School abuse substances ranging from tobacco to heroin.

The High School offers counseling as well as promotes educational awareness. The High School administration severely disciplines substance abuse by students. Almost all of the longer-term suspensions (10 days) are substance abuse related. The only expulsion during the 1998-1999 school year was for substance abuse. Criminal arrest is pursued by the administration with regard to substance abuse. Success with regard to dealing with substance abuse is difficult to measure. It seems that for every success there is a failure to match it.

It is important for parents to be aware of the activities of their child or children. The greatest defense against substance abuse by a child is the parent.

All parents are encouraged to unite with the administration to combat this life-destroying problem.

Theft is an ongoing problem at the High School. The security cameras that monitor the main parking lot have helped reduce incidents of theft in the parking lot. There is hope that more cameras can be added to monitor the hallways and the rear of the building. The administration vigorously encourages students to buy additional locks from the AHS office to be placed on as many lockers as possible as an extra precaution. (Only locks purchased at the AHS office are allowed on school lockers.)

### PARKING LOT

Contrary to the belief of some, there are not enough parking spaces to accommodate everyone. Only those juniors and seniors who are passing all their courses can exercise the parking lot privilege. Thirty-eight members of the Class of 2000 and 49 members of the Class of 2001 are presently academically ineligible to use the parking lot at the start of the school year based on his/her performance at the end of the previous school year.

It is important for everyone to realize that the parking lot policy has a greater goal in mind than dealing with insufficient spaces. The administration simply wants all students to pass his/her courses to maintain the appropriate path toward graduation. It is not unreasonable for the administration to encourage this as all benefit from this.

The parking lot is, at times, a nightmare in the morning as far too many students are being transported by parents to school at, what seems, exactly the same time. It is imperative that parents and students develop better strategies with regard to this. Some useful strategies to use are take the bus, get to school earlier, and go to the end of the parking lot for drop-off purposes.

### VOLUNTEER TUTORS

Agawam High School, thanks to very caring and generous senior citizens, offers students a senior-citizen-tutoring program free of charge. The tutors have proven to be very effective in assisting students with his/her difficulties in the areas of math, science, and social studies. If anyone is interested in volunteering some time to serve as a tutor, call the High School at 821-0530 and leave your name, number, and the academic areas that you are capable of tutoring in.

### INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAM/ WORLD WAR II VETERANS

The High School administration, united with others in the community, wants to officially award high school diplomas to those individuals who left high school in order to serve America during World War II. Please contact Principal Joseph Zabielski at 821-0521 to receive more information about this.

### PARENT COUNCIL

As the Principal of Agawam High School, I am hoping to revive the parent council in the 1999-2000 school year. It is a great, informal way for parents and guardians to learn about the school and what is happening. It is also a way for

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the principal to learn about parental concerns. Announcements will be made in "The Agawam Advertiser News," on cable television, or through the web page about the date of the first meeting.

**PARENTAL NOTIFICATION**

Formally, parental notification of student progress and/or discipline occurs in many ways:

1. Report cards are issued in November, February, April, and the end of June/first week of July (this depends on the mail and the data processing program).

2. Warning notices are issued in October, December, March, and May.

3. The Deputy Principal and Dean of Students officially notify parents about suspensions through the mail and/or telephone calls in certain situations.

4. Weekly progress reports can be requested by a parent through the guidance department.

5. Parents Night in November is established for teacher/parent discussion of student progress.

Informally, teachers are encouraged by the administration to contact parents with both positive and negative information. However, not every teacher does this.

Parents are encouraged to feel free to contact their child's or children's guidance counselor for information on academic progress and attendance. It is the job of the guidance staff to assist parents in this area.

It is important for parents to understand that research indicates that 25 percent of a child's success in school is school-based and that 75 percent of a child's success in school is due to parental factors.

**ATHLETICS AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Agawam High School offers its students a myriad of programs to help an individual to discover and develop his/her unique talents fully. If a student wants to have fun, make friends, become a leader, and grow to be a more complete person, then that students should take advantage of the wide range of activities that are available. However, it is important to understand that academic success comes first.

**DISCIPLINE SYSTEM**

The Agawam High School discipline system is based on many factors. It is reflective of the combined effort of the administration, faculty, student government, school council, and others. It is also reflective of national and state reform movements that emphasize the importance of safe schools. The fundamental purpose of the discipline system is to insist that student behavior be based on respect and responsibility.

**DISCIPLINE POLICIES ZERO TOLERANCE**

A. Any student who is found on school premises or at school-sponsored or school-related events, including athletic games, in possession of a dangerous weapon, including but not limited to a gun or knife, will be suspended and may be subject to expulsion from the school or school district by the principal.

B. Any student who is found on school premises or at school-sponsored events, including athletic games:

1. under the influence of or in possession of a controlled substance as defined in General Laws, Chapter 94C, including but not limited to marijuana, cocaine, and heroin, or

2. engaging in the sale, distribution, or exchange of a controlled substance as defined in General Laws, Chapter 94C, including but not limited to marijuana, cocaine, or heroin, or

3. under the influence of, in possession of, or having consumed any alcoholic beverage, or

4. engaging in the sale, distribution, or exchange of any alcoholic beverage will be suspended and may be subject to expulsion from the school or school district by the principal.

C. Any student who assaults or threatens a principal, deputy principal, dean of students, teacher, teacher's aide, or other educational staff on school premises or at school-sponsored or school-related events, including athletic games, will be suspended and may be subject to expulsion from the school or school district by the principal.

D. Any student who is involved in arson, the assault and battery of another student, dangerous threats to another student, bomb threats, false fire alarms, or other dangerous behavior on school premises or at school-sponsored or school-related events, including athletic games, will be suspended or may be subject to expulsion from the school or school district by the principal with the approval of the School Committee.

E. Any student who is charged with a violation of any of the above shall be notified of an opportunity for a hearing. In cases of expulsion, the student may also have representation and the opportunity to present evidence and witnesses at said hearing before the principal.

F. Police will be notified in all cases.

**SCHOOL SAFETY**

Any student who makes a verbal or written threat to kill or harm an individual or group of individuals will be subjected to the following:

1. Said student will be disciplined according to the discipline policies outlined in zero tolerance.

2. Those being threatened will be directed to file court complaints.

**SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION BASED ON A FELONY**

(Massachusetts General Laws, Chap. 380, Section 2: Amendment 1 to Section 37H)

1. Upon the issuance of a criminal complaint charging a student with a felony, or upon the issuance of a felony delinquency complaint against a student, the principal or headmaster of a school in which the student is enrolled may suspend such student for a period of time determined appropriate by said principal or headmaster if said principal or headmaster determines that the student's continued presence in school would have a substantial effect on the general welfare of the school. The student shall receive written notification of the charges and the reason for such suspension prior to such suspension taking effect. The student shall also receive written notification of his right to appeal and the process for appealing such suspension; provided, however, that such suspension shall remain in effect prior to any appeal hearing conducted by the superintendent.

The student shall have the right to appeal the suspension to the superintendent. The student shall notify the superintendent in writing of his request for an appeal no later than five calendar days following the effective date of the suspension. The superintendent shall hold a hearing with the student and the student's parent or guardian within three calendar days of the student's request for an appeal. At the hearing the student shall have the right to present oral and written testimony on his behalf, and shall have the right to counsel. The superintendent shall have the authority to overturn or alter the decision of the principal or headmaster, including recommending an alternate educational program for the student. The superintendent shall render a decision on the appeal within five calendar days of the hearing. Such decision shall be the final decision of the city, town, or regional school district with regard to the suspension.

2. Upon a student being convicted of a felony or upon an adjudication or admission in court of guilt with respect to such a felony or felony delinquency, the principal or headmaster of a school in which the student is enrolled may expel said student if such principal or headmaster determines that the student's continued presence in school would have a substantial detrimental effect on the general welfare of the school. The student shall receive written notification of the charges and reasons for such expulsion prior to such expulsion taking effect. The student shall also receive written notification of his right to appeal and the process for appealing such expulsion; provided, however, that the expulsion shall remain in effect prior to any appeal hearing conducted by the superintendent.

The student shall have the right to appeal the expulsion to the superintendent. The student shall notify the superintendent, in writing, of his request for an appeal no later than five calendar days following the effective date of the expulsion. The superintendent shall hold a hearing with the student and the student's parents or guardian within three calendar days of the expulsion. At the hearing, the student shall have the right to counsel. The superintendent shall have the authority to overturn or alter the decision of the principal or headmaster, including recommending an alternate educational program for the student. The superintendent shall render a decision on the appeal within five calendar days of the hearing. Such decision shall be the final decision of the city, town, or regional school district with regard to the expulsion.

Upon expulsion of such student, no school or school district shall be required to provide educational services to such student.

**SUSPENDABLE BEHAVIORS INTERNAL SUSPENSION GUIDELINES**

Internal suspension may be assigned by an administrator as an alternative to out-of-school suspension. Parents/guardians are notified. Students assigned to internal suspension are isolated from their peers for the duration of their assignment. During internal suspension, students will work on school-related assignments.

**1. SMOKING**

No smoking is allowed anywhere in the building or on school grounds during the school day. Massachusetts State Law Chapter 71, Section 2A PROHIBITS THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY STUDENT, ENROLLED IN EITHER PRIMARY OR SECONDARY PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE COMMONWEALTH, TO USE TOBACCO PRODUCTS OF ANY TYPE ON SCHOOL GROUNDS DURING NORMAL SCHOOL HOURS. This policy also prohibits the use of snuff and chewing tobacco.

**CONSEQUENCES:**

1st offense — One day external suspension.

2nd offense — Three days external suspension.

3rd offense and subsequent offenses — Five days external suspension.

**2. POSSESSION OF ANY TOBACCO PRODUCTS CONSEQUENCES:**

1st offense — One day internal suspension.

2nd offense — Two days internal suspension.

3rd offense — Three days internal suspension.

Subsequent offenses — Internal or external suspension at the discretion of the administration.

**3. TRUANCY**

Attendance at every session of school is absolutely essential for good scholastic standing. While school is in session, all outside interests should be considered of secondary importance. Appointments with doctors and dentists should not be made during school hours.

If you are truant you will forfeit all normal make-up privileges. Your work will be counted at half value. Parent/guardian notification will be a usual consequence, and persistent truancy can result in a student contract, request for withdrawal from school, or a recommendation for expulsion from school.

**CONSEQUENCES:**

1st offense — One day internal suspension.

2nd offense — Two days internal suspension.

3rd offense — Three days internal suspension.

**4. USE OR POSSESSION OF FIREWORKS, STINK BOMBS, ANIMAL SCENTS, ETC.****CONSEQUENCES:**

1st offense — Three days external suspension.

2nd offense — Five days external suspension.

3rd offense — Ten days external suspension and recommendation for expulsion. Police to be notified in certain cases.

**5. USE OF MATCHES, LIGHTERS, ETC.****CONSEQUENCES:**

1st offense — Three days external suspension.

2nd offense — Five days external suspension.

3rd offense — Ten days external suspension and recommendation for expulsion. Police to be notified in certain cases.

**6. THEFT OF PERSONAL OR SCHOOL PROPERTY****CONSEQUENCES:**

1st offense — Three days external suspension.

2nd offense — Five days external suspension.

3rd offense — Ten days external suspension and recommendation for expulsion. Return of stolen property or restitution also required. Police to be notified in certain cases.

**7. TAMPERING WITH A FIRE EXTINGUISHER****CONSEQUENCES:**

1st offense — Three days external suspension.

2nd offense — Four days external suspension.

3rd offense — Five days external suspension.

**8. INITIATION OF A FOOD FIGHT****CONSEQUENCES:**

1st offense — Three days external suspension.

2nd offense — Ten days external suspension

and recommendation for expulsion. Restitution may also be required.

**9. PARTICIPATION IN FOOD THROWING****CONSEQUENCES:**

1st offense — Two days external suspension.

2nd offense — Three days external suspension.

3rd offense — Four days external suspension.

Restitution may also be required.

**10. POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA****CONSEQUENCES:**

1st offense — Ten days external suspension.

2nd offense — Ten days external suspension or expulsion. Police will be notified.

**11. VANDALISM: DEFACING OR DAMAGING SCHOOL PROPERTY INCLUDING COMPUTERS AND THEIR RECORD FILES AND SYSTEMS****CONSEQUENCES:**

1st offense — Up to three days internal suspension.

2nd offense — Three to five days internal suspension.

3rd offense — Five to 10 days external suspension. Restitution will be required in all cases.

**12. PROFANITY OR VULGARITY DIRECTED AT SCHOOL STAFF****CONSEQUENCES:**

1st offense — Written apology and two days internal suspension.

2nd offense — Written apology and four days internal suspension.

3rd offense — Three to five days external suspension.

**13. GAMBLING****CONSEQUENCES:**

1st offense — One day internal suspension.

2nd offense — Two days internal suspension.

3rd offense — Three days internal suspension.

Police may be notified in certain circumstances.

**14. USE OF RACIAL, RELIGIOUS, ETHNIC SLURS OR SYMBOLS THAT DEEMAN OTHERS****CONSEQUENCES:**

1st offense — Written apology and two days internal suspension.

2nd offense — Written apology and three days internal suspension.

3rd offense — Written apology and four days internal suspension.

**15. HARASSMENT SUCH AS REPEATED NAME CALLING****CONSEQUENCES:**

1st offense — Written apology and one day internal suspension.

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2nd offense — Written apology and two days internal suspension.

3rd offense — Written apology and three days internal suspension.

**16. MISUSE OF INHALANTS, GLUE, ETC.****CONSEQUENCES:**

1st offense — Three days external suspension.

2nd offense — Five days external suspension.

3rd offense — Ten days external suspension and recommendation for expulsion.

**17. UNEXCUSED ABSENCE FROM OR TARDINESS TO AN INTERNAL SUSPENSION ASSIGNMENT****CONSEQUENCES:**

1st offense — One additional day of internal suspension.

2nd offense — Two additional days of internal suspension.

3rd offense — Three additional days of internal suspension.

**18. DEFIANCE OF THE AUTHORITY OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND TEACHERS****CONSEQUENCES:**

1st offense — Three days internal suspension.

2nd offense — Five days internal suspension.

3rd offense — Five days external suspension.

**19. REFUSAL TO IDENTIFY ONESELF TO A STAFF MEMBER****CONSEQUENCES:**

1st offense — One day internal suspension.

2nd offense — Two days internal suspension.

3rd offense — Three days internal suspension.

**20. FAILURE TO SIGN IN UPON ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL****CONSEQUENCES:**

1st offense — One day internal suspension.

2nd offense — Two days internal suspension.

3rd offense — Three days internal suspension.

**21. FORGERY/MISUSE OF A PASS****CONSEQUENCES:**

1st offense — One day internal suspension.

2nd offense — Two days internal suspension.

3rd offense — Three days internal suspension.

**22. OUT OF BOUNDS/LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS**

The following areas are considered out of bounds during the school day:

\* Beyond the sidewalks of the circle in front of the school.

\* Behind the dock.

\* Agawam Public Library grounds.

\* Wooded areas surrounding the school.

\* The maintenance area.

\* Outside the new addition.

\* The athletic fields.

\* Any off-campus sites during the school day.

\* Physical education locker rooms during class time (without permission).

\* Parking lot. (If you must go to the parking lot for any reason during the day, you must have a pass from the office. Loitering in this area will result in disciplinary action.)

\* Any other area that the administration deems inappropriate.

**CONSEQUENCES:**

1st offense — One day internal suspension.

2nd offense — Three days internal suspension.

3rd offense — Five days internal suspension.

If a car is involved, the car privilege will be denied for nine weeks.

Once a student arrives on school grounds, he/she is expected to remain on school grounds. If he/she vacates the school grounds or building without the permission of an administrator, he/she will be suspended appropriately.

**THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION RESERVES THE AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND FOR OTHER BEHAVIORAL CIRCUMSTANCES NOT LISTED.**

**NATURE OF OFFENSE & REPEATED OFFENSES**

The above outlined levels of discipline for specified offenses are provided as minimum guidelines to insure that every student is aware of the potential consequences of actions which violate the discipline policies of the Agawam Public Schools. In determining the level of discipline in each case, the principal shall review the nature and the facts and circumstances surrounding the alleged offense and the student's prior disciplinary record. After completing said review, the principal may in his/her sole discretion impose the minimum level of discipline provided for in these discipline policies, or he/she may impose greater discipline, including but not limited to, more detentions, a longer suspension, the imposition of a discipline contract, and/or expulsion from the school or school district.

**SUSPENSION EFFECTS**

A conference with the student, a parent or guardian, and an administrator may be arranged after the student has been externally suspended. It may occur during the period of the suspension or when the student returns to school from the suspension. If the period of the student's suspension exceeds three school days, the administration will arrange for assignments to be sent home to the student. Students are responsible for making up all work missed during the suspension period within a week of their return to school.

During the period of suspension, a student may

not take part in any extracurricular activities or school functions, nor be in the building or on the grounds during the school day.

Parents/guardians will be notified of their child's internal or external suspension by mail and, in certain circumstances, by telephone.

**STUDENT MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS**

The following regulations are designed to promote safety and order in the high school driveways and parking lots. Failure to comply with these regulations and conditions may result in the revocation of driving privileges on school property.

1. The maximum speed limit on all school property is 15 m.p.h. Students must drive on school property using caution and consideration for vehicles and pedestrians. Reckless or careless driving will be reported to the police department and Registry of Motor Vehicles.

2. Student cars must be parked in single spaces. Cars parked in illegal areas will be subject to towing on the first offense. Towing is at the student's expense.

3. During school hours, students are not to park in the area of the shops and music rooms or the Agawam Library.

4. Bringing a motor vehicle to and from school is a privilege.

5. Only juniors and seniors who are passing all their courses may park motor vehicles on school grounds.

6. Juniors and seniors who get suspended will have his/her parking privileges removed.

7. Students granted permission must display the proper sticker at all times.

8. All students must park their vehicles in the student area of the parking lot at all times.

9. Once a car has been parked in the lot by a student, there shall be no loitering in the car by students.

10. Once a car is parked, the driver or any other pupil shall not be allowed to enter the car until the driver is ready to leave for home.

11. Students who do not obey the regulations regarding motor vehicles at school will have the privilege to drive to school revoked.

12. If a student uses his/her vehicle to transport onto the school grounds any form of alcoholic beverages or drugs, such action will result in the loss of parking privileges for the school year, suspension or expulsion, and subjection to prosecution by law enforcement authorities.

**VIOLATION OF STUDENT MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS****CONSEQUENCES:**

1st offense — Denial of the motor vehicle privilege for **nine weeks**.

2nd offense — Denial of the motor vehicle privilege for **an additional nine weeks**.

3rd offense — Denial of the motor vehicle privilege for the **remainder of the year**. If a student who has been denied the motor vehicle privilege persists in attempting to bring his/her motor vehicle to school or the public library, the motor vehicle will be subject to **towing at the expense of the student**.

**DETENTION**

Violation of general school policies will result in the assignment to office detention, held Monday through Thursday from 1:50 to 2:40 p.m. The student is expected to bring enough work to keep busy for the entire detention period. The teacher in charge of detention may withhold credit if the time is not properly used. The student will not be admitted into detention after the bell. If the student needs to be excused from attending detention on a particular afternoon, the student must get permission from an administrator **before** the detention is to be served.

Examples of infractions that could result in from one to five detentions are as follows:

- \* Classroom misbehavior.
- \* Taking food from the cafeteria.
- \* Inappropriate display of affection.
- \* Littering.
- \* Card playing.
- \* Failure to report to teacher detention.
- \* Snowball throwing.
- \* Swearing.
- \* Overdue library books.
- \* Interference with the enforcement of school rules.
- \* Cafeteria misbehavior.
- \* Skipping a scheduled period.
- \* Disobedience.
- \* Lack of corridor pass.
- \* Excessive tardiness.
- \* Misuse of equipment or materials.
- \* Parking lot violation.
- \* Loud behavior.
- \* Possession of lighter
- \* Possession of matches
- \* Possession of electronic devices.

**ACADEMIC DISHONESTY**

Instances of academic dishonesty such as copying homework, cheating on papers and exams, or plagiarism will result in students receiving a zero grade on that school project.

**TEACHER DETENTION**

A teacher may request a student to stay after school to discuss a behavior problem or to have a student do academic work. As long as the student

has been given a **24-hour** notice to report, the student **must** attend the after-school conference. Failure to attend this conference will result in a referral to either the deputy principal or dean of students who will take disciplinary action.

If a student has been asked to stay for a particular teacher on a given day when the student also has office detention, the student is expected to report to that teacher, stay the assigned time, and bring a note from that teacher to either the deputy principal or dean of students before the student leaves the school building. This procedure allows the student to report to office detention the following day without penalty.

**SCHOOL OBLIGATIONS COME FIRST, EVEN BEFORE YOUR JOB. IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM, SEE EITHER THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL OR THE DEAN OF STUDENTS.**

**CUTTING CLASS**

The definition of a cut is the missing of class time without permission or without a legitimate excuse acceptable to the teacher. Detention and work that is missed can only be made up at half value. Additional cutting will result in an increase in the number of detentions and/or suspensions.

**STUDENTS ON CONTRACT - DUE PROCESS**

A student with chronic discipline problems may be placed on contract by the deputy principal, dean of students and the principal. The ramifications of the contract will be explained to the student in the company of his/her parent or guardian. The student will be provided with a copy of the signed contract. Any student alleged to have violated his/her contract may be scheduled for a hearing with the principal. The deputy principal, dean of students, counselor and parent/guardian may also attend. The student has the right to bring evidence and witnesses.

The student may appeal the principal's ruling to the superintendent of schools who will finalize the decision.

**PROCEDURES FOR LONG-TERM SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS**

The building principal is responsible for providing the student and parent:

1. Written notice, in the dominant language of the home, of the charges affecting the suspension/expulsion and of the right to a formal hearing before the principal, as well as the right to be represented by counsel or other advocate of choice (at the student's expense);

2. Adequate time to prepare for the hearing;

3. Access to documented evidence before the hearing;

4. The right to present evidence and/or witnesses;

5. The right to question the district's witnesses except when there is information indicating that doing so may put said witnesses at risk of harm;

6. A prompt decision, written in the dominant language of the home, including specific grounds for the decision and any reasonable conditions which must be met to ensure the student's return. The letter will include the student's right to appeal to the superintendent with (10) days from the date of the receipt of the notification of the suspension/expulsion.

The principal will notify the superintendent in writing. The superintendent will in turn inform the School Committee, without identifying the student, of the facts and circumstances surrounding the suspension/expulsion.

**LONG-TERM SUSPENSION: DEFINITION**

Long-term suspension is the removal of a student from his/her educational program for more than ten (10) consecutive school days but no more than forty-five (45) consecutive school days.

**EXPULSIVE DEFINITION**

Expulsion is the exclusion of a student from school either permanently or for the remainder of the school year.

**APPEAL TO SUPERINTENDENT**

1. Upon receiving written notice of a request for an appeal within ten (10) days of the notification of expulsion, the superintendent shall schedule a hearing at which time the student may be represented by counsel (at the student's expense) and present oral and written testimony on his/her behalf.

2. The superintendent shall render a written decision in the dominant language of the home. Such ruling will be the final decision of the school district.

**ADMISSION OF EXPELLED STUDENTS**

When a student is expelled, no school or school district within the Commonwealth shall be required to admit such student or to provide educational services to said student. If said student does apply for admission to another school or school district, the superintendent of the school district to which the application is made may request and shall receive from the superintendent of the school expelling said student a written statement of the reason for said expulsion.

**DISCIPLINING STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

All students are expected to meet the requirements for behavior as set forth in this handbook. Chapter 766 requires that additional provi-

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sions be made for students who have been found by an evaluation team to have special needs and whose program is described in an Individualized Educational Plan (I.E.P.). The following additional requirements apply to the discipline of special needs students:

1. The I.E.P. for every special needs student will indicate whether the student can be expected to meet the regular discipline code or if the student's handicapping condition requires a modification. Any modification will be described in the I.E.P.

2. The principal (or designee) will notify the special education office of the suspendable offense of a special needs student and a record will be kept of such notices.

3. When it is known that the suspension(s) of a special needs student will accumulate to 10 days in a school year, a review of the I.E.P. as provided in Section 333 of the Chapter 766 Regulations will be held to determine the appropriateness of the student's placement or program. The team will make a finding as to the relationship between the student's misconduct and his/her handicapping condition and will either:

- Design a modified program for the student;
- Write an amendment to provide for the delivery of needed modifications of the I.E.P. relative to discipline code expectations. In addition, the Department of Education will be notified as required by law, requesting approval of the alternative plan to be followed.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION****CHAPTER 140: SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL ZONES  
140-1 UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS IN SCHOOLS  
OR SCHOOL ZONES: LOITERERS AND TRESPASSERS**

A. No person not being a student or employee of a school and not having a legitimate, specific reason for being there and not having written or oral permission from the school principal or his/her designee, shall remain in or about any school ground or any public property or way immediately adjacent thereto during school hours.

B. No person not being a student or employee of a school shall congregate or stand in or in front or in back or to the side of any school playground or, without written or oral permission from the school principal or his/her designee, shall use any school playground or facilities thereon during school hours.

C. Persons shall not congregate or stand on any public way or public property, or in front or in back or to the side of any kindergarten, primary, elementary, or secondary school with the purpose of annoying or molesting the students or employees thereof, or hinder, obstruct, prevent or disrupt the normal functions carried on therein, or prevent students or employees from entering or leaving the school.

D. No person not being a student or employee of a school, while on school property or on public property adjacent to a school, shall distribute to students or throw, deposit, or discard any handbills, literature, brochures, or other papers or articles of any kind, unless such person has received written or oral permission from the school principal or his/her designee.

E. No person shall post or affix handbills, posters, political signs, or articles of any kind promoting business or organizations to any building, tree, fence or other structure on school grounds without written or oral permission from the school principal or his/her designee.

**NONDISCRIMINATION**

Chapter 622 of the Acts of 1971 (M.G.L. 76:5), referred to as "An Act to Prohibit Discrimination in the Public Schools," states in part:

No person shall be excluded from or discriminated against in admission to a public school of any town, or in obtaining the advantages, privileges, and courses of study of such public school on account of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation.

This law makes it clear that all aspects of public school education must be fully open and available to members of both sexes and minority groups. No school may exclude a student from any course, activity, service or resource available in that public school on account of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation of such child.

On June 24, 1975, the State Board of Education approved regulations for Chapter 622. School admissions, admission to courses of study, guidance, course content, and extra-curricular and athletic activities are the five areas of school policy that the regulations address.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Chapter 622, contact your principal. Copies of the law and the regulations may be obtained from the Bureau of Equal Educational Opportunity, 182 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02111 (617 272-5880).

Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 (P.L. 92-318) states in part:

No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or

activity receiving federal financial assistance...

The Education for All Handicapped Children Act (P.L. 94-142 of 1975) requires the school system to provide a "free and appropriate education" to all handicapped children ages 3 through 21. This mandate is also a requirement of Massachusetts law.

The school committee affirms that it is in compliance with the above laws and that the school system does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or handicap. This policy extends to present and prospective students and employees.

The school committee shall designate a school employee to serve as compliance officer of the school system's nondiscrimination programs. This person shall coordinate efforts to comply with state and federal regulations; investigate any complaint alleging noncompliance; and report any findings to the school committee through the superintendent. Parents/guardians, students, and staff members will also be notified of the proper state or federal agencies where they may register complaints.

**NONDISCRIMINATION**

Title IX and Handicap (Section 504)

**GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS**

Students fourteen years of age or older, who feel their rights have been violated under Title IX or Handicap (Section 504), are to contact:

- Deputy superintendent
- Dean of students at Agawam High School

If the grievance cannot be resolved by the dean of students, the following are to be contacted (in this order) to arrive at prompt and equitable resolutions of student complaints charging violations of Title IX or Handicap (Section 504):

- Guidance counselor (in their building)
- Deputy principal (in their building)
- Principal (in their building)
- Superintendent of schools
- School committee

Students under fourteen years of age may have their parents/guardians grieve on their behalf in writing to their building principal. If the grievance cannot be resolved by the building principal, the following are to be contacted (in this order) to arrive at prompt and equitable resolutions of student complaints charging violations of Title IX or Handicap (Section 504):

- Superintendent of schools
- School committee

The Title IX coordinator will be available to assist all grievance committees in arriving at prompt and equitable resolutions of student complaints charging violations of Title IX. Any grievances charging violations of Handicap (Section 504) will be handled by the coordinator of Handicap (Section 504).

**STATE LEGISLATION AND DISCIPLINE  
CHAPTER 269: HAZING**

Amended January 1988

SECTION 17: Whoever is a principal organizer or participant in the crime of hazing, as defined herein, shall be punished by a fine of not more than three thousand dollars or by imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than one year, or both such fine and imprisonment.

The term "hazing" as used in this section and in sections eighteen and nineteen, shall mean any conduct or method of initiation into any student organization, whether on public or private property, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student or other person. Such conduct shall include whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the weather, forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug or other substance, or any other brutal treatment or forced physical activity which is likely to adversely affect the physical health or safety of any such student or person, or which subjects such student or other person to extreme mental stress, including extended deprivation of sleep or rest or extended isolation.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section to the contrary, consent shall not be available as a defense to any prosecution under this action.

SECTION 18: Whoever knows that another person is the victim of hazing as defined in section seventeen and is at the scene of such crime, shall, to the extent that such person can do so without danger or peril to himself or others, report such crime to an appropriate law enforcement official as soon as reasonably practicable. Whoever fails to report such a crime shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars.

SECTION 19: Each institution of secondary education and each public and private institution of post-secondary education shall issue to every student group, student team or student organization which is part of such institution or is recognized by the institution or permitted by the institution to use its name or facilities or is known by the institution to exist as an unaffiliated student group, student team or student organization, a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen; provided, however, that an institution's compliance with this section's requirements that an institution issues copies of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen to unaffiliated student groups, teams or organizations shall not

constitute evidence of the institution's recognition or endorsement of said unaffiliated student groups, teams, or organizations.

Each such group, team or organization shall distribute a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen to each of its members, plebes, pledges, or applicants for membership. It shall be the duty of each such group, team, or organization, acting through its designated officer, to deliver annually, to the institution an attested acknowledgement stating that such group, team, or organization has received a copy of this section and said sections seventeen and eighteen, that each of its members, plebes, pledges, or applicants have received a copy of sections seventeen and eighteen, and that such group, team or organization understands and agrees to comply with the provisions of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen.

Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of post-secondary education shall, at least annually, before or at the start of the enrollment, deliver to each person who enrolls as a full-time student in such institution a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen.

Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of post-secondary education shall file, at least annually, a report with the regents of higher education and in the case of secondary institutions, the board of education, certifying that such institution has complied with its responsibility to inform student groups, teams or organizations and to notify each full-time student enrolled by it of the provisions of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen and also certifying that said institution has adopted a disciplinary policy with regard to the organizers and participants of hazing, and that such policy has been set forth with appropriate emphasis in the student handbook or similar means of communicating the institution's policies to its students. The board of regents and, in the case of secondary institutions, the board of education shall promulgate regulations governing the content and frequency of such reports, and shall forthwith report to the attorney general any such institution which fails to make such report.

CONSEQUENCE: Suspension of one or more days at the discretion of the administrator adjudicating the case.

**SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

Pursuant to Title VII of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 151B, Section (18), unlawful discrimination on the basis of gender shall include, but not be limited to, sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is also prohibited in the work place by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 151A, Section 25.

It is the policy of the school district, as well as state and federal law, that sexual harassment of a student, present or prospective employee, or visitor shall not be tolerated. Violation of this policy and of the law, if proven, will result in disciplinary action. Any person who believes that he/she has been the victim of sexual harassment may seek redress through the sexual harassment complaint procedure.

Sexual harassment means any unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when: (a) submission to or rejection of such advances, requests or conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of the provision of the benefits, privileges or placement services or as the basis for the evaluation of academic achievement; or (b) submission to or rejection of such advances, requests or conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment or as a basis for the evaluation of employment achievement; or (c) such advances, requests or conduct have the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's education or employment by creating an intimidating, hostile, humiliating, or sexually offensive environment. (From M.G.L. C. 151C, S. 1E).

Sexual harassment is not, by definition, limited to prohibited conduct by a male employee toward a female employee. Rather:

1. A man as well as a woman may be the victim of sexual harassment, and a woman as well as a man may be the harasser.

2. The victim does not have to be the opposite sex from the harasser.

3. The victim does not have to be the person at whom the unwelcome sexual conduct is directed. The victim may also be someone who is affected by such conduct when it is directed toward another person. For example, the sexual harassment of one female (or male) may create an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment for another female (or male) student or interfere with the student's performance. The belief that such interference has occurred must be objectively reasonable.

Examples of sexual harassment include, but are not limited to:

A. Demanding sexual favors accompanied by overt threats.

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B. Engaging in reprisals (making negative statements about the victim's personal conduct, etc.), as a result of an individual's refusing to engage in social/sexual behavior.

C. Contact with any sexual part of a student's body (e.g., touching, patting or pinching)

D. Touching any nonsexual part of the body (e.g., shoulder, etc.) after that person has verbally or otherwise indicated that such touching is unwanted.

E. Continuing to ask a person to socialize after that person has verbally or in writing indicated no interest in such activities.

F. Displaying sexually suggestive pictures, objects, cartoons, or posters after being told they are offensive.

G. Subtle pressure for sexual activities, e.g., continuing to write suggestive notes or letters or suggestive verbal statements after being informed they are unwelcome.

H. Verbal harassment or abuse; e.g., referring to or calling a person an endearing, demeaning or sexualized term, or making reference to a person's physical characteristic (e.g., pregnancy) when that person has verbally or in writing indicated to the harasser that she/he does not wish to be addressed or referred to in that manner.

I. Leering, i.e., prolonged staring, at a person's body.

J. Language in another's presence or conduct even if not directed to said individual - once it is known that she/he objects.

Each student is personally responsible for ensuring that she/he does not sexually harass any other student or any other individual in the school, for cooperating in the investigation of complaints of alleged sexual harassment by providing any information she/he possesses concerning the matters being investigated, and for otherwise cooperating with efforts to prevent and eliminate sexual harassment and to maintain a learning environment free from such unlawful discrimination.

All persons have the right to be free from sexual harassment (M.G.L. C. 214, S. 1 C); therefore, sexual harassment in any form is strictly forbidden in school, on school grounds, or at school-related activities.

Sexual harassment is prohibited conduct which can cause serious physical or psychological damage, affecting work or educational performance. Any student who believes she/he is a victim of sexual harassment should talk to an adult in a position of authority in the school as soon as possible. Students are strongly encouraged to explain the incident and ask for help. Students should avoid trying to solve the problem of sexual harassment alone.

All persons shall report knowledge of actual or reasonably suspected sexual harassment to the school administration.

## SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

A formal complaint may be filed at any time by a student, employee, administrator, and/or applicant who believes that his/her rights as outlined in the sexual harassment policy have been violated. Each student, faculty member, administrator or staff member has an obligation to make every effort to resolve problems informally as they arise. All members of the school community are urged to resolve problems fairly and informally. If a suitable solution cannot be reached informally through independent means, a formal investigation may be initiated and appropriate disciplining action taken.

Definitions

A complaint shall be an accusation by an individual that there has been a violation of the sexual harassment policy.

A. The individual should file a written statement of the complaint within thirty (30) days of the alleged harassment. The complaint should be filed with the superintendent of schools or, in the event that the superintendent is the alleged harasser, with the chairperson of the school committee.

B. Once the superintendent or chairperson receives the complaint, he/she shall conduct an appropriate investigation. At his/her discretion, the superintendent or the chairperson may designate some other individual to conduct the investigation.

C. Such investigation may consist of, but may not be limited to, the following actions:

1. Interview(s) with the individuals;
2. Interview(s) with the person(s) alleged to be the harasser(s);
3. Interviews with other employees or witnesses;
4. Interviews with other individuals at the discretion of the superintendent or chairperson;
5. Review of pertinent records.

D. Within a reasonable time after receipt of the complaint, the superintendent or chairperson shall inform the alleged harasser and the individual of his/her decision as to whether he/she finds the written allegations to be credible.

1. If the superintendent or chairperson determines that the allegations are not credible, the matter shall be closed. The superintendent or chairperson shall keep the documents, notes and other material from the investigation as a record

for an appropriate period of time. The purpose for retaining this record is to enable the school district to prove that the appropriate investigation was conducted.

2. If the superintendent or chairperson determines that the allegations, or any part of the allegations, are credible, he/she shall take appropriate disciplinary action against the person(s) involved.

E. If the person filing the complaint or the person who is the subject of the complaint is not satisfied with the results of the complaint procedure, he/she may appeal for a hearing before the school committee.

## Miscellaneous

A. Individuals are not limited to a formal complaint procedure but may seek relief from other agencies, including the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination or the Office of Civil Rights of the Department of Education.

B. Any retaliatory action of any kind taken by an employee or student of the school district against any other employee or student of the school district as a result of that person's seeking redress under these procedures, cooperating in an investigation, or otherwise participating in any proceeding under these procedures is prohibited, and shall be regarded as a separate and distinct matter under this procedure.

C. All complaint proceedings will, to the greatest possible extent, be held in confidence by all persons directly or indirectly involved in them. Penalties in Cases of Sexual Harassment

Remedial actions will depend on the severity of the incident(s). Because of the private nature of certain incidents, particularly those involving sexual harassment, and the emotional and moral complexities surrounding such issues, every effort will be made to resolve problems on an informal basis, if possible. When a complaint is resolved informally, only a short summary of the incident will be maintained on file.

An admission of guilt, an acknowledgement of verbal warning, a promise not to commit such abuse again, and action taken to provide appropriate relief for the individual may be sufficient resolution. At this informal state, it is hoped to sensitize the person at fault to the effects of such behavior, to be constructive and not unduly punitive in the disciplinary action. If informal resolutions are not adhered to or if the allegations involve conduct for which informal resolutions are not appropriate, the superintendent or chairperson may deem it necessary to take appropriate action that can include formal letters of reprimand, suspension, discharge or other disciplinary action.

CONSEQUENCES: If the school administration determines that sexual harassment has actually taken place, in cases exclusively involving students, disciplinary and corrective action will occur to prevent any further incidents. The range of discipline and corrective action may include one or more of the following:

1. Apology to the victim;
2. Mandatory counseling;
3. Detention;
4. Short term suspension;
5. Recommendation for long-term suspension hearing or expulsion hearing.

## HATE CRIMES

Conduct including threats, aggressive physical intimidation, and physical force motivated by racial, religious, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation, and disability bias is specifically prohibited by civil rights and hate crime laws in Massachusetts. Injuries to victims from hate crimes can result in double felony violations. Effective law enforcement requires ongoing communication and cooperation between school officials and police agencies.

Students involved in hate crimes will be disciplined according to the discipline policies outlined in zero tolerance.

## BUS

Those who ride the bus should be aware of the following regulations:

1. **Wait for bus at designated bus stop.** Buses will stop only at authorized stops. Remain orderly and away from street until bus arrives. Pupils are not to play in road, trespass on private property or engage in behavior that could be dangerous to those at the bus stop.

2. **If you must cross a highway to board the bus** or to get back to your bus stop, wait until the bus driver signals that all is clear and that you may proceed to cross the highway. Always cross in front of the bus.

3. **Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop** before boarding. Do not crowd toward the street and bus.

4. **Enter the bus quietly** and in an orderly manner. Proceed directly to a seat.

5. **The driver has been instructed** not to wait for you. Be on time.

6. **Remain in your seat while the bus is moving.** Pupils are not to change seats while the bus is in motion. Conditions may require specific seating arrangements. These arrangements are to be made by the driver and/or principal only.

7. **Leave and enter only at front entrance door** except in cases of emergency. Emergency Exit Drills will be conducted during the school year to

acquaint children with methods of exit in emergencies.

8. **Shouting or excessive loud talking** is prohibited.

9. **Undesirable remarks directed to the driver or other students** and stirring up adverse behavior are not allowed.

10. **Horseplay is not permitted.** Students are not to yell, motion or discharge any objects that will distract or prove offensive to the driver or other motorists and/or pedestrians. Throwing of objects or articles is forbidden.

11. **EATING (including beverages) and SMOKING are NOT PERMITTED** on school buses.

12. **Packages other than school materials** will not be transported at any time.

13. **Students are to remain seated** at discharge points until the school bus has come to a complete stop. Leave quickly and orderly, one at a time.

14. **Students must follow instructions** given by the bus driver.

15. **Damage to buses will not be tolerated.** You are responsible for damage to your seat and area during your trip. Report any damage immediately to the bus driver.

16. **Students entitled to transportation** may ride only the bus assigned to and from school.

17. **The Agawam School Committee reserves the right** to refuse to transport any student who fails to observe rules and regulations or exhibits unacceptable conducts.

For the convenience of those who have reason to remain after school, there is a late bus leaving approximately at 2:45 on Monday through Thursday (AHS).

## Disciplinary Measures

The penalty for initial violation of bus rules will be a warning. A second offense will result in a loss of riding privileges for a period of five (5) school days. A third misconduct will result in loss of transportation for two weeks (10 days). Any further problems will result in loss of riding privileges for a minimum of one month. Serious breaches of discipline such as fighting, abuse of the bus driver or other passengers, damage to the bus, or any other action constituting a threat to safety will result in immediate loss of riding privileges. When a loss of riding privileges occurs, the student cannot ride the late bus. If loss of riding occurs as a result of misconduct on a late bus, day busing will also be denied.

## STUDENT DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE

In instances of student drug/alcohol use and abuse, the role of the schools is basically educational. The following regulations have been established to help assure the welfare of individual students as well as the general welfare of the school population.

1. In accordance with existing state and federal laws, the civil rights of all students under investigation for drug/alcohol possession or use will be protected to the fullest extent possible by the administration.

2. The intent of the drug/alcohol policy is rehabilitative rather than punitive.

Any student or parent/guardian who seeks guidance on a drug/alcohol problem from any school administrator, counselor, teacher, or other staff person will be provided with such guidance without disciplinary action as long as the student is not observed on school grounds selling, possessing, or using alcohol or drugs. When confronted by a student who is seeking guidance, staff will follow the procedure outlined below:

- \* Refer the student to an appropriate agency.
- \* Exercise appropriate judgement in making parental contact with consideration for the student's wishes.
- \* Notify the building principal of any drug/alcohol counseling in order to coordinate all possible means of assistance available.

Responsibilities: Refer To Zero Tolerance

I. In all cases of suspension or expulsion for drug/alcohol-related acts, there must be a conference with the school administration by the parent or guardian of the student prior to reinstatement of the student. Students who are subjected to suspension or expulsion for drug/alcohol-related problems may request a hearing with the superintendent.

II. Teachers, counselors, and staff will be cognizant of drug problems and use professional judgment in observing students concerning drug/alcohol use and/or possession.

A. Any staff member who observes a student in possession of alcohol or drugs will be required to inform the building principal immediately.

B. Any staff person who is reasonably convinced that a student is under the influence of drugs/alcohol should use the following procedure:

1. Notify the substance abuse counselor immediately. In the event that the substance abuse counselor is not present, the building principal or his/her designee should be notified immediately.

2. If the substance abuse counselor feels the illness is drug/alcohol related, he/she will notify the building principal or his/her designee.

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3. First aid will be administered as necessary and as prescribed by law.

4. If a parent/guardian cannot be contacted and the illness persists, the school nurse will contact the family physician or school physician and follow his/her direction. If no physician can be contacted, the nurse will arrange to hospitalize the student.

**Administrators:**

I. Administrators who find a student in possession of alcohol, suspected drug material, or narcotic devices will do the following:

A. Ask police to identify the suspected materials.

B. Notify the student's parents/guardians if the analysis demonstrates the presence of alcohol or drugs.

C. The principal may also take any other action deemed appropriate at this time.

D. Student lockers may be searched by the building principal or his/her designee when there is sufficient reason to believe that a student is concealing illegal drugs/alcohol.

II. When an administrator is reasonably convinced a student is under the influence of drugs or alcohol, he/she should take the following steps:

A. The administrator will contact the substance abuse counselor and/or nurse and then the parents/guardians.

B. Following contact with the parents/guardians, the administrator, with the advice of the substance abuse counselor and/or nurse, will decide whether the student should remain in school or to be taken home by the parents or guardians.

C. Any notification of appropriate law enforcement agencies will be the responsibility of the building principal or his/her designee.

**Parents/Guardians:**

Because supportive action by the parents/guardians is crucial to the success of any counseling, the parents/guardians will be encouraged to contact the principal if they are concerned about their child's possible drug/alcohol-related behavior, and the principal will encourage the parents/guardians to become involved in any aspect of

drug/alcohol counseling deemed desirable.

**ATTENDANCE/TARDINESS/DISMISSALS**

Agawam High School is committed to providing quality education to all students. As reflected by the philosophy of Agawam High School and the community, education is a key factor for success and can only be achieved through regular class attendance, student participation, and academic achievement. All students will be given subject expectations and classroom procedure statements by their classroom teachers. The expectation sheets will describe the subject curriculum to be covered and the grading system which will include a participation assessment. Constant monitoring of attendance will take place each class period. Teachers will exercise careful judgment when deciding if an absence is excusable or non-excusable.

Long-term illness: Student is given a home tutor. This is the only exception. If the student qualifies for a tutor, he/she does not lose credit.

Daily attendance is recorded at the beginning of period 1 by the period 1 class teacher.

**Tardiness to school:** Students arriving after the tardy bell at 7:25 A.M. must report directly to the office to sign in tardy. A student who fails to sign into school will be assigned one internal suspension. Students that report to school tardy must present upon arrival their picture identification card. If a student does not have his/her identification card, that student will receive a detention.

**Each semester when a student is tardy for the sixth time and each time thereafter, that student will be assigned one internal suspension. A student who is continually tardy will be assigned an external suspension.**

Under certain circumstances, a student will be required to bring a parent/guardian to school.

**ANY STUDENT WHO IS TARDY TO SCHOOL 30 MINUTES OR MORE MUST PRESENT A NOTE FROM A PARENT OR GUARDIAN WITH A PHONE NUMBER WHERE THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN CAN BE REACHED.**

**A PARENT OR GUARDIAN TELEPHONE CALL TO AN ADMINISTRATOR EXPLAINING THE TAR-**

**DY IS ACCEPTABLE.**

**IF A STUDENT FAILS TO FOLLOW THE PROCEDURE, HE/SHE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SIGN INTO SCHOOL.**

**Class absence reports (slips):** A student, upon receiving the student copy of an Absence Report (slip), is being notified of a questioned absence. It is the student's responsibility to clear the absence with the teacher in question within twenty-four hours of the absence. This must be accomplished on the student's own time, not class time. If the absence is not cleared, it will be assumed that the student skipped. Penalties will be imposed as indicated in the Student Guide.

**Dismissals from school:** All dismissals must be written on the proper form available in Mr. Cavallo's and Mrs. Conte's offices. These forms must be properly filled out and signed by a parent or guardian. All dismissal requests must be presented to the appropriate administrator by 7:20 A.M. A dismissed student must sign out in the office and sign in again if he/she returns the same day. Evidence must be presented verifying the need for the dismissal.

**Such as:**

- \* Medical appointment (appointment card).
- \* Driver's license or learner's permit (proper phone number to validate).
- \* Court appointment (court appointment letter).
- \* Bereavement (number to verify).
- \* Scholarship or college interview (letter of verification).

Those without a license must be picked up by a parent or guardian in the main office.

If you are ill, report to the nurse for a dismissal slip, and then bring the dismissal slip to the office so the dismissal may be recorded. If the nurse is not in the building, permission must be obtained in the office. In any event, if you are ill, you may not leave school without permission; to do so is considered truancy.

**Attendance and participation in extracurricular activities:** A student must be present at least one full day immediately preceding an extracurricular activity in order to participate in that activity.

## Agawam Adult Education

760 Cooper Street  
Agawam, MA 01001  
Telephone 821-0527 or 821-0522  
Director - Paul C. Cavallo

Registration for the fall semester of the Agawam Adult Education program will be held on Monday evening, September 13th, and Wednesday evening, September 15th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Agawam High School Guidance Office.

Classes will begin on Monday, September 20th, and run for 10 weeks, ending on December 6th.

There will be **no school** on the following dates: Monday, October 11, 1999 (Columbus Day); Thursday, November 11, 1999 (Veterans' Day); Monday and Wednesday, November 22 and 24, 1999 (Thanksgiving week).

Notification of school closing: If Agawam schools are closed due to inclement weather, evening school is also closed. Local radio stations will also announce any cancellations. Make-up days for inclement weather will be scheduled during the term.

The tuition charge is \$75 per course and is payable at the time of registration. No refunds will be given after the second class meeting. Tuition will be refunded if there is an insufficient number of students registered for a course(s). The administration reserves the right to cancel course(s) for lack of registration.

The following is a list of the courses and the nights they are being offered this semester:

**Monday Classes:** English 11, English 12, General Science, World History, Geometry, Algebra I, Algebra II, EXCEL, and Windows 95 (PowerPoint and Access).

**Wednesday Classes:** English 9, English 10, U.S. History, Chemistry, General Math, Computer Concepts, Microsoft WORD 97, Oil Painting, and Robotics.

## Rules Regarding School Property

Permission must be obtained from the office of the Superintendent of Schools for use of school grounds. No unauthorized use is permitted. Restrictions are posted and town police so notified. School facilities and grounds are for the use of Agawam residents; curfew exists one-half hour after sunset and during the hours of darkness on the use of school grounds except where permission has been granted. The use of any motor vehicle, including motor bikes, motorcycles, mopeds, automobiles, etc., is prohibited at all times. Riding of horses is also prohibited.

## Agawam Schools Slate New Student Sign-Ups

Registration of new students began on August 25th and will continue until August 31st. Office hours for the elementary schools are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Guidance personnel at the Middle and Junior High Schools will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Registration of new students entering Agawam High School will take from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (according to how they appear alphabetically). The remaining registration schedule is as follows.

Last names beginning with:

A-C: August 31st with Mrs. Judith Cohen.

I-N: August 30th and 31st with Mr. Alan Cohen.

O-S: August 30th and 31st with Mrs. Ann Marie Gould.

T-Z: August 30th and 31st with Mr. Francis Meagher.

**ENTRANCE AGE:**

The Massachusetts Department of Education requires that children be permitted to enter kindergarten in September of the calendar year in which they reach age five. It is the Agawam School Committee's policy to:

1. Admit a child to kindergarten if he/she is five years-old prior to October 1st of the school year in which he/she cares to enroll, and...

2. Admit a child to first grade if he/she is six years-old prior to October 1st of the school year in which he/she cares to enroll.

Students who attend a kindergarten program in a public school system outside Agawam, or who attend a kindergarten program approved by the superintendent, may be allowed to enter first grade if Agawam school officials determine that it would be educationally appropriate.

## Title VI (Formerly Ch. 2, Block Grant)

Under the provisions of the Education Consolidation and Improvement Act (ECIA), Title VI (Chapter 2), the amount of the submitted proposal for 1999-2000 is \$498,085.

The money for this school year will be used to purchase software and library books for the new elementary library media centers. The money will be allocated to each elementary school based on a per pupil amount as per the September 1998 enrollment for each school.

## Title 1 (Formerly Chapter 1)

The School Department has applied for this federal allocation grant to increase the educational opportunities of students with certain basic skill deficiencies. The amount of the submitted proposal for 1999-2000 is \$129,192.

This project, known as Title 1, provides extra reading and math instruction to those students who need the extra help in order to keep up with their classes. In order to qualify for funds, the individual schools, as well as the school district, must have a minimum percentage of educationally deprived students with educational needs.

A Parent Advisory Council (P.A.C.) meets monthly and is involved in all stages of planning, operating, and evaluating the program. Because of its close work with the schools, the council links the home and school enhancing opportunities for these students.

Approximately 175 students in grades 1-4 will receive extra assistance in math and reading this year because of this grant.

## Student Insurance

Student accident insurance is available to all students. The School Committee provides insurance to cover all students taking part in interscholastic athletics. It is the family's responsibility to provide whatever other insurance is desired, and a plan is being offered to make this possible. For \$8 students may purchase insurance covering a period of going to school, at school, and going from school each day. Twenty-four hour coverage is also available at a cost of \$50 per student. This coverage insures the student during school vacation, holidays and weekends as well.

The reasons that this insurance is available at such a low cost is that it is non-duplicating insurance. Non-duplicating means that other insurance owned by the family, for example, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, must be used first. If other insurance does not cover the complete cost or any part of the cost, then the school insurance plan will take over. By filing a claim with the insurance company, a parent may be reimbursed for any insured loss.

Athletic insurance is also non-duplicating. A parent may not collect from the school's insurance carrier and from another company for the same accident. A policy description will be sent to each student's home early in the school year. Please read it carefully.

If you have any questions, call the Associate Superintendent at 821-0550.

**Welcome back!!!**

## AHS Attendance Regulations Will Be Enforced

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Students will be given subject expectation and classroom procedure statements by their classroom teachers. The expectation sheets will describe the subject curriculum to be covered and the grading system which will include a participation assessment. Constant monitoring of attendance will take place each class period.

Computer-generated letters will be sent home to alert parents of student absenteeism. Letters will be generated when students are absent eight times from class. There will be no difference between excused and non-excused absences.

Long-term illness: Student is withdrawn and given a home tutor. This is the only exception. If the student qualifies for a tutor, he/she does not lose credit.

## Information On Kindergarten

### ENTRANCE AGE:

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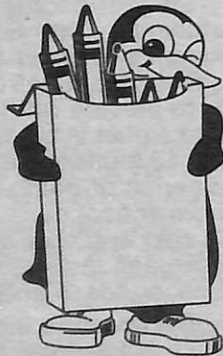
## Notice To Drop Outs And Non-School Attendees

Any school drop out, age 16-22 years-old, is encouraged to contact the Department of Special Services for a confidential interview to discuss educational options.

Academic tutoring is available to eligible youth unable to attend school due to medical problems, accidents, and other circumstances.

For more information regarding the appropriate educational options, please contact the Department of Special Services, 821-0557.

## Day Care & Babysitting Information



When choosing a day care or babysitter for your school-age child, please remember that your child must attend the public school in the district in which you live, not the district in which the day care or babysitter is located.

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See AHS's athletic schedule for the fall 1999 season in our "Sports" section...

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## Back-To-School News From AHS

Guidance counselors will be available on August 30th and 31st from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to address all new enrollment concerns.

All new students should sign-in at the Guidance Office and will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis for proper registration.

If you have any questions on new enrollments, call the Guidance Office at 821-0527.

During the first week of school, teachers will be giving students class expectation handouts. Students will be instructed to take the handout home to read and to have the handout signed by a parent or guardian. The signed expectations will then be returned to the appropriate teachers. If a parent or guardian would like a copy of the class expectations, let the teacher know on the class expectation handout that is to be returned.

All students are encouraged to purchase locks. Remember, it is your responsibility to protect personal and school items to the best of your ability.

Just in case it slipped your mind, the High School starts promptly at 7:25 a.m. *It is imperative that you leave home early.*

### AHS SCHEDULE DISTRIBUTION

Your 1999-2000 school schedule will be given to you on Thursday, September 2, 1999, the first day of school. When you arrive to school on Thursday, your schedule will be available at the following school locations:

SENIORS - GYM  
JUNIORS - CAFETERIA  
SOPHOMORES - ROTUNDA AREA  
FRESHMEN - AUDITORIUM

## Guidance Department

Students enrolled in the Agawam Public Schools, grades 5-12, have been assigned a guidance counselor. At the Middle and Junior High Schools, students are assigned by grade level: Grade 5 & 6—Mr. Thomas Dacey; Grade 7—Mr. Robert St. Amand; Grade 8—Mrs. Jeanne Trinke.

Students at the Senior High School are assigned to one of the following counselors: Mr. Alan Cohen, Mrs. Judith Cohen, Mrs. Ann Marie Gould, Mr. Francis Meagher, or Mrs. Jane Williams. At all schools, any guidance counselor will assist your child if the need arises.

Counseling of students occurs on a regular basis and includes such areas as academic progress, individual programming, adjustment problems, career and vocational information, orientation of new students, and referrals of students with special needs. The counselors also arrange, administer, and interpret standardized tests. This information is available upon request.

Parents may request parent-teacher conferences, homework assignments during a period of absence, and progress reports. In addition, guidance counselors at the senior high school offer information concerning career planning, scholarships, financial aid, and college applications.

The guidance counselors sincerely encourage parents to avail themselves of these services and to contact the guidance counselors at any time concerning their children.



## AGAWAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Do you have questions about your preschooler? If you would like a screening or more information, please contact the Special Services Department.

- ☐ I would like a screening for my child.
- ☐ I would like to speak to a member of the Special Services Staff.
- ☐ I would like a copy of the Parent Handbook.

PLEASE SEND TO: Special Services Office  
760 Cooper Street  
Agawam, MA 01001  
Or Call 821-0557 For More Information.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

# School Lunch Program

The Agawam Public Schools serve meals each school day. Children may buy lunch at the Elementary level for \$1.20; Middle, \$1.30; Junior High and Senior High, \$1.50; or just milk at 35¢ a carton. Children also may get meals free or at a reduced price. All meals served must meet patterns established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. However, if a child has been determined by a doctor to be handicapped and the handicap would prevent the child from eating the regular school meal, this school will make any substitutions prescribed by the doctor. If a substitution is needed, there will be no extra charge for the meal. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a handicap, please get in touch with us for further information.

To get free or reduced price meals for your child, you must complete an application and return it to the school. We cannot approve an application that is not complete.

If you now get Food Stamps or AFDC for your child, your child can get free meals. If your child has received a Meal Benefit Certificate from the Department of Transitional Assistance, you do not have to complete this application. Just sign the certificate and return it to your child's school. Your child will receive a free lunch.

If your total household income is the same or less than the amounts on the Income Chart below, your child can get free meals or reduced price meals. A foster child may get free or reduced price meals regardless of your income. The reduced price is 40¢ for lunch.

## HOW TO APPLY

If you now get Food Stamps or AFDC for the child you are applying for, the application must have the child's name, a Food Stamp or AFDC case number, and the signature of an adult household member. If you are applying for a foster child, the application must have the child's name, the child's "personal use" income, and an adult signature. If you do not list a Food Stamp or AFDC case number for the child you are applying for, then the application must have the child's name, the names of all other household members, the amount of income each person got last month and where it came from, the signature of an adult household member and that adult's Social Security number or the word "none" if the adult does not have a Social Security number.

## INCOME CHART

Household Size	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	WEEKLY
1	15,244	1,271	294
2	20,461	1,706	394
3	25,678	2,140	494
4	30,895	2,575	595
5	36,112	3,010	695
6	41,329	3,445	795
7	46,546	3,879	896
8	51,763	4,314	996

For each additional member add... plus 5,217 plus 435 plus 101

**VERIFICATION:** Your eligibility may be checked at any time during the school year. School officials may ask you to send papers showing that your child should get free or reduced price meals.

**FAIR HEARING:** You may talk to school officials if you do not agree with the school's decision on your application or the results of verification. You also may ask for a fair hearing. You may do this by calling or writing: Donald J. Charest, Deputy Superintendent, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030, (413) 821-0550.

**REPORTING CHANGES:** If your child gets free or reduced price meals because of your income, you must tell the school if your household size decreases or your income increases by more than \$50 per month or \$600 per year. If your child gets meals because they get Food Stamps or AFDC, you must tell the school when you are not getting AFDC or Food Stamps for them. You may then fill out another application giving income information.

**CONFIDENTIALITY:** School officials use the information on the application only to decide if your child should get free or reduced-price meals.

**REAPPLICATION:** You may apply for free or reduced-price meals any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a change, like a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, become unemployed or get Food Stamps or AFDC for your child, complete an application at that time.

In the operation of the Child Feeding Programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or handicap. If you believe you have been discriminated against, write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, complete the application using the instructions for your household. Sign the application and return the application to the school. Call the school if you need help, 821-0550.

**PART 1 - STUDENT INFORMATION: All Households Must Complete This Part.**

(1) Print the name of the child you are applying for.

(2) List the child's grade and school.

**PART 2 - HOUSEHOLDS GETTING FOOD STAMPS OR AFDC: Complete This Part and Part 5**

(1) List a current Food Stamp or AFDC case number for the child.

(2) Sign the application in Part 5. An adult household member must sign. Skip Part 4 - DO NOT list names of household members or income if you list a Food Stamp or AFDC case number.

**PART 3 - HOUSEHOLDS WITH A FOSTER CHILD: Complete This Part and Part 5 - A foster child is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court.**

(1) List the foster child's monthly "personal use" income. Write "0" if the foster child does not get "personal use" income. Skip Part 4 - DO NOT

list any other children, household members or income.

(2) A foster parent or other official representing the child must sign the application in Part 5.

**"Personal use"** income is (a) money given by the welfare office identified by category for the child's personal use, such as for clothing, school fees, and allowances; and (b) all other money the child gets, such as money from his/her family and money from the child's full-time or regular part-time jobs.

**PART 4 - ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS: Complete This Part and Part 5**

(1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether they get income or not. Include yourself, the child you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.

(2) Write the amount of income each household member got last month, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions, and other income. If any amount last month was more or less than usual, write that person's usual monthly income.

(3) An adult household member must sign the application and give his/her Social Security number in Part 5.

**To Figure Monthly Income: Weekly x 4.33; Every 2 Weeks x 2.15; Twice a Month x 2.**

**PART 5 - SIGNATURE AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: All Households Complete This Part**

(1) All applications must have the signature of an adult household member.

(2) The application must have the Social Security number of the adult who signs. If the adult does not have a Social Security number, write "none" or something else to show that the adult does not have a Social Security number. If you listed a Food Stamp or AFDC number for your child or if you are applying for a foster child, a Social Security number is not needed.

**PART 6 - RACIAL/ETHNIC IDENTITY:** Complete the racial/ethnic identity question if you wish. You are not required to answer this question to get free or reduced price meals. We need this information to make sure that everyone is treated fairly.

## INCOME TO REPORT

**Earnings From Work:** Wages/salaries/tips, strike benefits, unemployment compensation, worker's compensation, net income from self-owned business or farm.

**Welfare/Child Support/Alimony:** Public assistance payments, welfare payments, alimony/child support payments.

**Pensions/Retirement/Social Security:** Pensions, supplemental security income, retirement income, veteran's payments, Social Security.

**Other Income:** Disability benefits, cash withdrawn from savings, interest/dividends, income from estates/trusts/investments, regular contributions from persons not living in the household, net royalties/annuities/net rental income, any other income.

## Music Programs In Agawam Schools

The Agawam Schools offer a comprehensive program in music, and opportunities abound in both curricular courses and extra-curricular activities.

All students in elementary school receive music on a weekly basis as a regular classroom subject taught by a music specialist. The opportunity for chorus experience is available at the fourth grade level. String instrument instruction will be held after school this year.

At the middle school, classroom music continues to be offered to all students on a regularly-scheduled basis. Instruction of band instruments is started in fifth grade, with weekly lessons on a rotation schedule so that students do not continually miss the same class for instrument lessons. Full band rehearsals are also held for fifth grade members during school time on a weekly basis. Chorus and string ensemble also meet twice each week during school time. Sixth grade students in band, chorus, and string ensemble meet twice a week on a scheduled band period. In addition, band members also have a sectional practice for like instruments on a rotating period each week.

At the junior high, chorus and band continue on a twice a week scheduled period. Students not taking a performing group continue in classroom music instruction, and some type of music is required in both seventh and eighth grades.

Expanded opportunities are offered in chorus shows and jazz band at this level, and music groups may take part in some regional music festivals.

## School Cancellation / Delayed Opening

In case of inclement weather, closing of school or delayed opening, notifications will be given over WHYN, WMAS, WAQY, WNNZ, WPKX, WWLP, and WGBB. Please, DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOLS OR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES.

If there is school during bad weather, the FINAL

## Free Lunch For First Grade Pupils On September 2nd

On Thursday, September 2nd, all first grade students will be offered a free lunch.

"We would like our first grade students to meet our cafeteria staff and become familiar with our cafeterias," said Mr. Frank S. Godek, School Lunch Director.

The price of lunch will be \$1.20 daily for elementary students; \$1.30 for Middle School students; and \$1.50 for Junior and Senior High students. A la carte milk will be available at 35¢ per carton.

In the elementary schools, lunch tickets are sold on Mondays for the week in the classroom. If a student is absent, he/she may purchase tickets in the cafeteria on Tuesday. If a parent wishes to pay by check, please make check payable to the AGAWAM SCHOOL LUNCH.

— Welcome back! —

## DECISION CONCERNING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MUST REST WITH THE PARENT.

Children should be well-informed by their parents what they are to do in case school closes during regular school hours because of storm conditions.

## High School Gym Lockers

Combination padlocks will be available for sale in the high school office for \$5 each. Locks will also be available at a table to be set up in the cafeteria area during lunch (check with the office for specific dates and other information).

Students who wish to secure their gym/athletic lockers are asked to purchase a lock early. Non-school locks will not be allowed. The purchased lock becomes the student's property and can be used throughout his/her high school career.

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